

# Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

# Rise Up!

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## 2018

March 15 - Youth Day

March 16-18

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## THURSDAY – MARCH 15, 2018

See pages 7-15 for the Youth Day schedule.

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm On-site registration

## FRIDAY – MARCH 16

7:00 am - 3:00 pm On-site registration  
 8:30 - 9:30 am Opening Ceremony & Welcome (Arena)  
 10:00 - 11:30 am Period 1 Workshops  
 10:15 - 10:45 am Congress Chat (Hall A)  
 11:30 - 1:00 pm LUNCH  
 11:45 - 12:30 pm Music (Arena)  
 – David Haas & Zack Stachowski  
 Music (Hall B)  
 – WAL  
 1:00 - 2:30 pm Period 2 Workshops  
 3:00 - 4:30 pm Period 3 Workshops  
 5:15 pm Evening Prayer & Liturgies  
 7:45 - 9:45 pm Film Showcase 2018 (Convention 201)  
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 – Ivan Diaz & Friends  
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## 2018 THEME REFLECTION

This past June I had the opportunity and pleasure to attend the season finale concert of the Los Angeles Master Chorale. One of the pieces, “I Fall,” was a premiere work by Charles Anthony Silvestri and Eric Whitacre that chronicles the beginning of a man’s journey, a man who is accompanying his wife who is dying. The refrain of the piece only has four words: “You rise/I fall,” but they were sung with an intensity and depth that led most of the audience, myself included, to tears. It was not the arrangement of the music nor the precision and skill of the choir that moved us (although both were excellent), it was the simple fact of music expressing and framing something that most people know in their bones: The loss of a loved one is one of the few moments in life that has the potential to dismantle us ... or to open up to us a new horizon.

“Your brother will rise.” Jesus speaks these words to Martha not merely to console her for the death of her brother Lazarus but to reveal God’s ultimate plan: to shatter the hold of sin and death over all people. This was (and still is) a bold statement of faith to catechumens – the completion of God’s saving work in Christ. It is also a call to those who are baptized: to stop living in tombs of our own fears and anxieties; to allow Jesus to unbind us from the needless cares and sinful habits that keep us from completely embracing the Gospel; to give the Holy Spirit free reign in our souls.

To do what? To help all those who are still entombed by sin, injustice, death to Rise Up along with Jesus and to follow him to eternal life.

– Fr. Christopher Bazyouros  
 Director, Office of Religious Education

## WHAT IS THE RECONGRESS?

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest event of its kind in the world. It has continued its original objective of offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those in catechetical and related ministries. Though the Religious Education Congress continues to serve religious educators, today **it is so much more!** Congress now draws 40,000 participants during this internationally acclaimed four-day event and offers more than 300 workshops covering a vast range of topics from spirituality, music and personal development to biblical studies and catechesis.

Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! You may register online at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org) by credit card, or use the Registration Form on the **inside back cover** to register by check or money order through the mail.

## RECONGRESS LOCATION & COST

RECongress is held at the Anaheim Convention Center, located at 800 West Katella Avenue in Anaheim, Calif., directly south of Disneyland and Disney California Adventure.

**COST:** The registration fee for Congress covers admission to all events, ticketed workshops, concerts, liturgies and exhibits (name badges required) throughout the three days. Fees for the Congress days are:

**\$70 – by January 26, 2018 deadline**

**\$80 – after January 26, 2018**

**NOTE:** If you have not mailed in your Registration Form by February 23, 2018, please register online or on site at the Convention Center. Online registration closes 9 am Sunday of Congress.

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- Exhibitor listings and categories
- Office of Religious Education staff & program offerings
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# OVERVIEW



## HELD IN ANAHEIM

Begun as an “Institute” back in 1956, our event became the “CCD Congress” and is now known as the “Religious Education Congress.” And since 1970 (when Orange County was still a part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese), the Anaheim Convention Center has been home to our annual event.



## NEW “ACC NORTH” HALL OPENS

The expansion of the Anaheim Convention Center that began in the summer of 2015 was unveiled at a ribbon cutting event on September 26, 2017 – and will be used as one of the venues for RECongress 2018! The former area of Car Park 1 (adjacent to the Arena) is the site of their latest project. This expansion – the seventh since opening in 1967 – adds 200,000 square feet of configurable meeting space and additional parking. RECongress will be using meeting rooms of both floors of the building – labeled the 100 level and the 200 level.



## LITURGIES

Congress has always offered a variety of liturgies of different character. This year we present 14 Eucharistic Liturgies – including Care of the Earth (Filipino Culture); Restorative Justice; Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante; and St. Patrick: The Immigrant Saint – along with morning and evening prayer. (See page 22.)

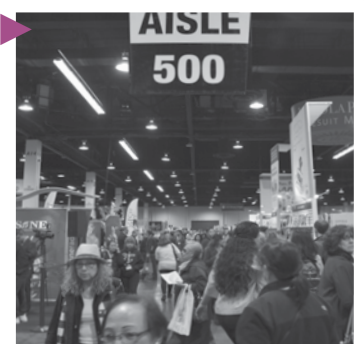
## ART EXHIBIT

Come enjoy our 2018 exhibit located in the Arena Lobby. Each year Congress features a display of works of art – whether by a local artist or a display to bring to light some current and important issues of our day. (Arena Lobby)



## HALL EVENTS

The Exhibit Hall is one of the liveliest and busiest locations during the Religious Education Congress. You can find a variety of exhibit booths – including departments of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. And be sure to check out what is going on in the **ORE Booth** throughout the weekend. (Exhibit Hall A)



## SPEAKERS

Over the four days, Congress 2018 will offer 334 workshops presented by 185 speakers, with topics ranging from personal growth to music to spiritual topics – in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. And our Keynote speakers, again in English and Spanish, are our events highlighted on Saturday.

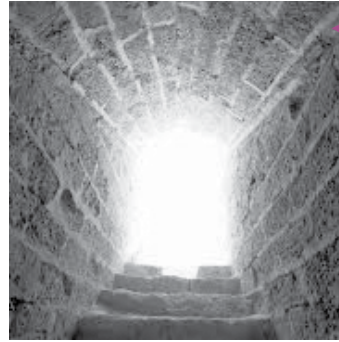






## YOUTH DAY

The Religious Education Congress starts off the long weekend on Thursday, March 15, with the high-energy, day-long event for high school youth. It's an opportunity for students to share in a mix of workshops, liturgies and lively rallies and to be sent out to live as missionary disciples. (See pages 7-15.)



## SACRED SPACE

Using the story of the raising of Lazarus as a common thread, Sacred Space (in Convention 304 and Ballroom E) will present inspiring and challenging stories of people who have risen above their suffering, coming out of their tombs and letting go of the things that bind them. (Thursday through Sunday)

## PERFORMANCE STAGE

Several of the performing artists at Congress have scheduled time to appear at the new music stage in Hall A. The stage showcases 20-minute sets of live music and is located in the southeast area of Exhibit Hall A. Stop by for a listen and check the on-site schedule. (Friday through Sunday)



## ENTERTAINMENT

Admission to Congress includes free lunchtime and evening concerts presented by well-known and loved Congress artists – ranging from contemporary Christian music to the leading Latino composers and artists. Enjoy the variety of musical styles from around the world. (Friday through Sunday)



## FILM SHOWCASE

In partnership with Loyola Marymount University's Center for Religion and Spirituality, RECongress annually presents excerpts from a number of feature films, shorts and documentaries whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, ministry, spirituality and theology. (Friday evening)



## SACRED ILLUMINATIONS

A annual feature at Congress is *Sacred Illuminations: A mystical choreography of light and sound*. Incorporating her newest fine art photography, Sr. Rose Marie Tulacz, SND, brings us deeper to the care and to the heart of God. (Saturday evening.)





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You can check our site on the Web at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org) for updates – or sign up for our Emailing Updates filled with important information.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the whole family of God here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, I want to welcome you to our 2018 Religious Education Congress!

This year's Congress has the theme of "Rise Up!" / "¡Levántate!" / "Hãy Đứng Lên!"

And this year, we want to reflect on our faith in the Resurrection. We stand this year with the figure of Saint Martha, the sister of Mary and Lazarus.

We recall her pain and sorrow at the death of her brother. We all know the story; we hear it year after year in the liturgy. Jesus comes to their home after Lazarus had died and he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life." And then he asks Martha: "Do you believe this?"

It is a powerful moment and we remember Martha's confession of faith. In fact, to my mind it sounds very similar to the confession of faith that Saint Peter made. She says: "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

In this beautiful confession of faith in the resurrection, Saint Martha shows us the purpose of our own discipleship. We are called to bring our brothers and sisters to the knowledge that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who died and is alive for evermore. We are called to bring them to know the Love that is stronger than death.

I pray that these will be days of grace for you in which you are able to draw closer to our Risen Lord and that you will be renewed in your commitment to proclaim the Good News of his Resurrection.

I welcome you and entrust each of you to the maternal protection of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Angels!

+ José H. Gomez

Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Blessings and greetings to all of you and welcome to Congress 2018! I am filled with joy to extend to you this invitation to join us for the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress held in Anaheim. We very much look forward to gathering with you again and celebrating our faith while we are challenged to live the Gospel.

As I am writing this letter, so many communities around the world are suffering greatly, especially from natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes and fire. As devastating as those events may be, they do not triumph over the Spirit of God who stirs in the hearts of all people a desire to serve those in need and for those who are suffering, the strength to rebuild. Our theme for Congress 2018 is "Rise Up" and it is perfectly suited to these times. Drawn from the readings of the fifth Sunday of Lent which sees Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, we realize that the mission of Christ is to restore all to the fullness of life in God, to hear him call our name and beckon us out of our tombs.

Come and hear the voice of Jesus calling you to a more abundant life through the many conferences, liturgies, entertainment and resources that offered throughout the weekend. Come and be replenished deep in your spirit and be challenged to live as a disciple fully alive in Christ.

Together with all the many activities, you will opportunities to encounter God in Sacred Space in which you are invited to let your life, like prayer, rise up before God like incense (Ps 142).

Thank you so much for your gracious support of Congress and participation in your communities through ministry. Let us hear the cry of our brothers and sisters in need and not remain indifferent in our tombs but rise up in the spirit of Christ to assist them.

I look forward to greeting you at the Religious Education Congress 2018.

Sincerely,

Fr. Christopher Bazyouras

Fr. Christopher Bazyouras  
Director, Office of Religious Education







## A MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESS COORDINATORS

Dear Friends,

We welcome each and every one of you to the Religious Education Congress 2018!

Our theme – “Rise Up!” – is inspired from the readings of the fifth Sunday in Lent. The story of Lazarus reminds us that Jesus invites each of us to rise up from all those things that keep us bound and keep us from a full relationship with God and with one another.

We begin with the vitality of Youth Day, which ushers us into a weekend of opportunities for enrichment. Workshops are offered in a variety of languages and presented by some of the best-known national and international presenters. We offer various Eucharistic celebrations and other prayer offerings including the sacrament of reconciliation. In Sacred Space, a multimedia experience highlights individuals and communities that through God’s grace have risen above their particular circumstances. Be sure to spend time in the Exhibit Hall, which offers a significant variety of resources and company representatives for personalized service. Our lunchtime and evening entertainment along with the artists performing in the Exhibit Hall will fill your soul with music. These are only but a few highlights that await you!

Workshop descriptions and event listings, housing information, online and mail-in registration instructions are included in this Registration Guidebook and updated regularly on our web site at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org). Additional information can be obtained by email at [congress@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:congress@la-archdiocese.org) or by calling the Congress Office at (213) 637-7346 or (213) 637-7301.

We invite you to please share with others whom you feel may be enriched by participating in Congress your experience and extend a personal invitation to them to join us for the weekend. We would love to see them! For those who are not able to join with us in Anaheim, remember that our event can be viewed via our live stream at [www.RECongress.org/Live](http://www.RECongress.org/Live).

We look forward to be with you very soon.

*Paulette Smith*

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Associate Director  
Congress Event Coordinator

*Jan Pedroza*

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Congress Program Coordinator  
Coordinator, Early Childhood Catechesis

### THE EARLY HISTORY OF CONGRESS

The origins of the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress spring from the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, popularly known as CCD, a ministry that actually began in Los Angeles in 1922 under Bishop John Cantwell. Over the years, the number of students in the program grew and by 1937 the program was so successful that a full-time director was needed to run the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

In 1956, the first CCD “institute” was held for teachers and catechists of the program. Some 500 attended the two-day conference at Mount Carmel High School on Hoover Street in Los Angeles. In 1957, the event at Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School saw attendance double. In subsequent years, attendance continued to increase at Loyola University; and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College by 1960.

In 1967, with the cooperation of the dioceses of Monterey-Fresno and San Diego, the agenda for the first three-day “Congress” was set. The purpose was “to provide an atmosphere of Christian unity...for the benefit of each and the common good of all mankind.” It was January 13-15, 1967 that the first “Southern California Confraternity Congress” was held at the LAX-area International Hotel. In 1971, the first Youth Rally was held, which set the model for today’s Youth Day.

Today, the Religious Education Congress supports the diverse needs of parish leaders as well as sessions of benefit to families and for personal growth. Our last event, held February 23-26, 2017, had over 37,247 in attendance, with 199 speakers presenting 308 workshops in three languages (English, Spanish and Vietnamese), and with 20,189 registered for Congress. Youth Day attendance was 12,750. Our Exhibit Hall had 545 booths with 1,499 representatives from 257 different companies and organizations.

Read about the Congress Milestones online at [www.RECongress.org/ccd-rec.htm](http://www.RECongress.org/ccd-rec.htm)



1963 – At this “pre-Congress” Institute, 5,000 catechists were enrolled in workshops held at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles.



1974 – The Closing Liturgy in the Anaheim Arena at the 1974 Congress, with the theme “Jesus, Others, You.”

## A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH DAY COORDINATOR

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Youth Ministry Division, I look forward to welcoming you to Youth Day 2018. Youth Day is an exciting day in which young people from across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and beyond gather to celebrate and strengthen their Catholic faith. Young people will participate in general sessions, workshops, Eucharistic liturgies, prayer and more. Our office looks forward to accompanying the young people and their chaperones who will attend the day.

Our theme – “**Dare to Believe!**” – comes from that day’s readings. It is our hope that each young person in attendance is invited to live a life of daring faith – a life in Christ – and that they leave the day empowered to live as missionary disciples. The Youth Day Coordinating Team has been working hard to ensure a successful event. This team is comprised of young people and their adult leaders from all five regions throughout the Archdiocese, making youth day planned by young people, for young people.

In the pages of this Registration Guidebook, you will find more information about Youth Day including how to register for the event and information on the workshops that are being offered. You are encouraged to go over the options with the young people who will be attending so that your selections best serve the needs of your group. In addition to registration information, you will find the readings of the day, a theme reflection, our schedule, track information, a description of lunch options, information on our official logo wear, and more. There is also information for young people who are interested in taking part in leadership roles throughout the day.

As you continue to prepare, I invite you to dialogue with us online. Follow us across all social media platforms @LAYouthDay. Use #LAYouthDay and #DaretoBelieve in your posts. I encourage you to frequently visit our website [www.RECongress.org/YD](http://www.RECongress.org/YD) for special updates and the most current information for the day.

Our team looks forward to welcoming you at Youth Day 2018: **Dare to Believe!**

*Victoria Radleigh Smith*

Victoria Radleigh Smith  
Youth Day Coordinator



## PREPARING FOR YOUTH DAY

Youth Day 2018 takes place on Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent. The readings of the day have helped to shape our theme and the events of the day. Below you will find the readings, along with a theme reflection prepared by young people for young people.

First Reading: Exodus 32: 7-14

Psalm: Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Gospel: John 5:31-47

The theme for Youth Day 2018, “**Dare to Believe!**” is a direct embodiment of the message found in the readings of the day. In the first reading, we see Moses speaking with the Lord, imploring him to give the people of Egypt a second chance. From the readings, we know that the people of Egypt have strayed from their faith and are currently living in sin. Additionally, we see the close relationship between Moses and the Lord, where Moses reminds Him to be merciful to the people He had just saved. The Psalm carries the same message. The people had lost faith in God, and when it seems that the Lord is on the edge of losing faith in his people, the Psalmist boldly calls for the Lord to remember his favor of them. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus imploring the Jews to believe he is who he says he is – the savior they had been waiting for – instead of disregarding Him and distancing themselves so far from Him. The readings share a theme of a break in faith, a lack of belief. It is easy to think that the message may be about God’s mercy, but through closer analysis it is clear that the readings are connected through their focus on daring to have faith and believe, even though one’s doubts or after one has strayed away.

The theme, “**Dare to Believe!**” speaks to the diversity of people present at Youth Day. The teens attending Youth Day are all in different places with their faith. Some may be on fire for the Lord, and others will be like the people described in the readings, experiencing a lack of belief. Dare to Believe! resonates with all of the teens, compelling them to go further in their faith. This message from the readings challenge teens to Dare to Believe! in Christ, even when they have hardships in life, or when they are experiencing great joy. It challenges them to find new ways of finding Christ in their everyday lives and really living as true disciples of Christ. **Dare to Believe!** will draw teens further into their faith, and leave them wanting more.





## TRACK 1

### 8:00 AM – GENERAL SESSION (ARENA)

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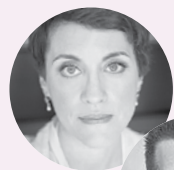
### 11:45 AM – LUNCH

Following the General Session, Track 1 participants will break for lunch. Food is available for purchase inside the Convention Center, in the Hall C food court, and outside in the Grand Plaza.

### 12:45 PM – CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Track 1 participants will be able to attend **two** of the 14 workshops offered. We suggest that you share the list of speakers found on the following pages with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of 10 with a Chaperone) those topics that interest them.

### 3:15 PM – SENDING SESSION



Before being sent forth, Track 1 participants will gather in Hall B for a closing session that includes music from **Sarah Hart & Steve Angrisano** and closing remarks from young people serving today as prayer leaders and emcees.



### 3:45 PM – DISMISSAL

After being reminded to be Jesus for others every day and everywhere – in our parishes and schools, homes and communities, online and in the entire world – participants will be sent out to live as missionary disciples.

## REGISTERING FOR THE DAY

All high school students (grades 9-12 only) are invited to register for Youth Day. Students must register with Adult Chaperones (at least 21 years old) who will accompany their group on Youth Day. For the initial group of 1 to 10 youth, there must be two Adult Chaperones. An additional Adult Chaperone must be included with every additional group of up to 10 students. When registering, each group selects Track 1 or Track 2 as well as the Convention Center workshops of their choice. Groups will be permitted in the Arena only during the times assigned for the Track in which they are registered.

**Note: Registration fees for Youth Day increase on January 26, 2018.** Keep in mind that there is limited seating for Youth Day, and it often reaches capacity prior to the date of the fee increase. We encourage you to register as soon as possible. If capacity is not reached earlier, the final date to mail your registration is February 9, and the final date for online registration is February 20. Any registrations received after registration has closed will be returned to the Contact Person. Please understand there are no exceptions.

## VOLUNTEER FOR THE DAY

Every year, numerous high school teens share their gifts and talents in various roles to help make Youth Day a success. Those interested are asked to attend our Youth Day Recruitment Day on Saturday, December 16. Find out more information online and register at <http://archla.org/day>.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES** – We need youth to serve within the Eucharistic Mass as cross-bearers, candle-bearers, gift-bearers, altar servers and other assisting roles to support our ritual worship. This role does not require public speaking and works closely with clergy.

**MINISTERS OF MOVEMENT** – Youth who express themselves best through movement are invited to lead the assembly in gesture and prayer. This may include sign-language, ritual gestures or liturgical movement. Previous movement/dance experience is useful, but NOT required!

**MUSIC** – Singers, instrumentalists and others who have a passion for performing music are invited to join a choir led by Ed Archer for liturgy. Instrumentalists will audition for places in the ensemble.

**SPEAKING ROLES** – We are seeking youth who are confident in speaking in front of large crowds. They may serve as hosts, lectors, storytellers or may provide narration.

**WORKSHOP EMCEE** – Youth will have an opportunity to introduce speakers in each of the workshops and lead the participants in a prayer before each session. Youth should be comfortable speaking in front of a group of people.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** – Youth will have an opportunity to serve as part of the social media team throughout the day.

**TECHNOLOGY & PRODUCTION** – Youth seeking to assist with lighting, stage managing, audio/visual, building song playlists, etc. should contact our team. There are limited opportunities available.

Most roles will require additional days of preparation and rehearsals. These will be scheduled by the leaders of each aspect of Youth Day. Youth volunteers must arrange their transportation and must be accompanied by a Chaperone for each of these events. Youth volunteers and their Chaperones must register for Youth Day 2018 at the regular registration rate and be responsible for any expenses (travel, accommodations, meals, etc.) related to their participation in Youth Day.

## ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DAY

We invite any adult who is not chaperoning a parish or school group to volunteer for a variety of positions throughout the day. Come and share your gifts with the young church! All volunteers will enjoy admission to our event free of charge. All volunteers must be at least 21 years of age and be in compliance with their diocese's safe environment policies and procedures – including training and fingerprinting/background checks. Please contact your Diocesan Youth Ministry Office to learn more details about your required programs. For more information about volunteering or to submit your name to be part of our team, please contact us by email at [youthday@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:youthday@la-archdiocese.org). Come join the fun!





## SACRED SPACE ON YOUTH DAY

Participants are encouraged to visit Sacred Space, which provides an opportunity to walk the labyrinth, visit the chapel, or experience prayer through our multimedia exhibit. Sacred Space is located in Convention 304 & Ballroom E on the third floor and is open from 7:30 am-4:30 pm.

## LOGOWEAR FOR THE DAY

Official T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for purchase on Youth Day in the Prefunction Area. Visit our web site at [www.RECongress.org/YD](http://www.RECongress.org/YD) for more details.

## APP FOR YOUTH DAY

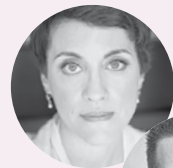
Keep watch on our website at [RECongress.org/YD](http://RECongress.org/YD) for updates about the Youth Day app. With this app, you can stay up to date with all Youth Day speakers, musicians and performers by following them over social media to help you stay connected during and after Youth Day.

## SUPPORTING OTHERS ON THE DAY

Each year, a collection is taken during the Youth Day liturgies. A portion of this collection goes to support the Youth Ministry Division's efforts to form youth leaders and encourage youth participation in our various programs and leadership camps, with scholarships made available for these local, regional and national opportunities. The other part of our collection is donated to key organizations in an effort to support their work. This year, the primary collection beneficiary is Covenant House, which is committed to helping homeless children and youth by providing immediate support to those in crisis, and advocating for sustainable long-term changes. To learn more about their efforts, please visit [www.covenanthouse.org](http://www.covenanthouse.org) or visit their booth in the Prefunction Area. Please share this information with your group to help them understand how their contributions will help to assist others. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## TRACK 2

### 8:00 AM – GATHERING SESSION



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### ARENA KEYNOTE

Both Youth Day tracks get to see our Arena speaker. In addition to the Arena Keynote, you make your choice of two Convention workshops from the remaining 14 sessions held in the Convention Center meeting rooms.

### DARING FAITH

Why did St. Peter step out of the boat and try to walk on water? Why did a woman sick for 12 years reach out to touch Jesus' cloak? Why did St. Paul endure being sent to prison time after time, but kept preaching the Gospel? Why did St. Teresa of Calcutta begin a new religious order focused on service to the poor and sick? Why did they, and so many others, live their faith in such radical and powerful ways? Why did you come to Youth Day? These holy men and women dared to believe, and their belief prompted them to live with a daring faith. We too are invited to live a daring faith – to step out of the boat, to reach out to be healed, to proclaim the Gospel, and to radically serve others, even when it hurts.



**Katie Prejean McGrady**

Katie Prejean McGrady is a theology teacher at St. Louis Catholic High School and Youth Director at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Lake Charles, La. She is author of "Room 24: Adventures of a New Evangelist" and, since 2007, she has been traveling throughout North America and across Canada using her original blend of humor and storytelling to speak at events ranging from small sessions to national conferences.

### A WHAT'S GOIN' ON: CULTURE AND POLITICS

In this workshop, we will take a look at the state of our world. How are we called to respond as people of faith in a world that appears to reject faith? We will also examine some ways to strengthen our faith.



**Dr. Ansel Augustine**

Dr. Ansel Augustine has worked for over 18 years in his hometown of New Orleans as well as around the country. He is currently Residence Minister for Student Leadership and Faith Formation at St. John's University and on the faculty at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. Dr. Augustine presently serves on the Board for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. He has presented at various national conferences and has written several publications related to ministry.

### B HOW DO YOU KNOW?

If it hasn't already started, it won't be long until adults begin asking THE question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" How do you decide? Where does God fit in? This workshop will offer practical tips for discerning where God is calling you.



**Bob Perron**

Bob Perron is Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.Va. For over a decade he has presented his stand-up and storytelling at over 100 parishes and dioceses across the United States and Canada. Perron has been a frequent presenter at the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, and at Youth Day. His most recent book is entitled "Lessons Learned From a God-Sized Family: In a Me-Sized World."

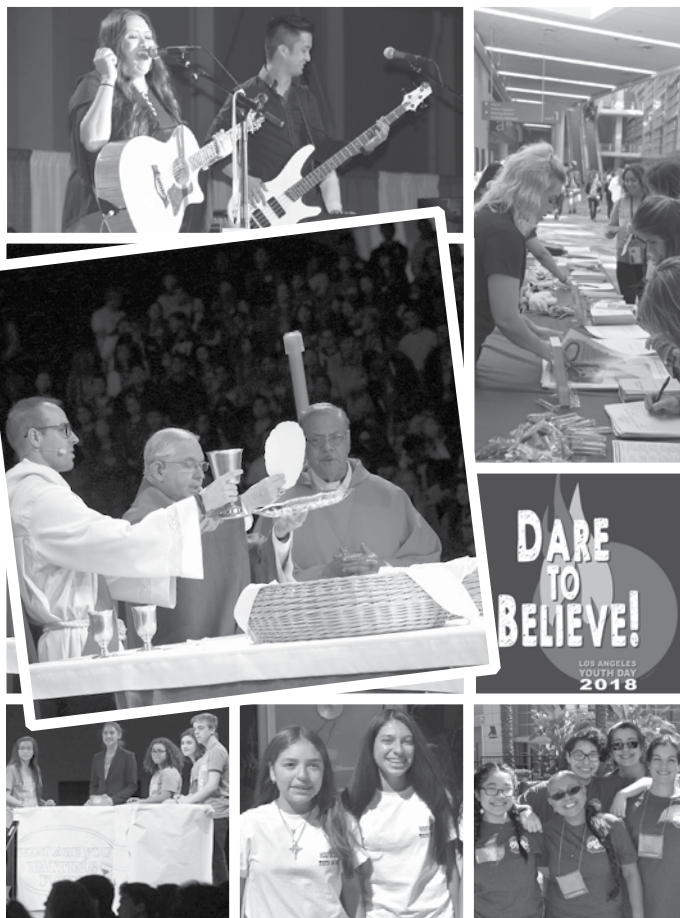
### C BECOMING A LIVING PRAYER

St. Francis of Assisi remains one of the most popular figures in history and is spotlighted in a new way with Pope Francis, who takes his name and pastoral inspiration from the saint. Most are familiar with Francis's life and writings, but few are well versed in "Franciscan spirituality" or "Franciscan prayer." This workshop presents new insights from the Franciscan tradition brought together in a dynamic, creative and engaging spiritual vision. The themes presented provide an introductory approach to the many riches of the tradition named for St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, guiding our youth in renewing their communication with God and seeing the world in a new way.




**Rev. Daniel P. Horan, OFM**

Franciscan friar Fr. Daniel Horan is a theologian who teaches spirituality and theology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He previously taught at Boston College as well as Siena College and St. Bonaventure University in New York, and has lectured across North America and Europe. Fr. Horan is author of numerous academic and popular articles and books, including "All God's Creatures: A Theology of Creation" and "God is Not Fair and Other Reasons for Gratitude."




“Difficult” should be in the definition for the word “family.” Everybody struggles with their family. So what can you do when the people who are supposed to help us and support us when life gets hard are actually the ones making it even harder? In this interactive workshop, you’ll learn how – with faith, courage and a few tips – you, yes you, can make a difference in even the most difficult family situations.




*For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered to youth and young adults in parish, diocesan and school settings. Today, he is a speaker and counselor in private practice. Petitfils has presented at numerous national and regional conferences, workshops and parish missions throughout North America. He hosts the popular podcast, “Today’s Teenager,” is the author of many articles and has published several books, one of which shares the title of his 2016 TEDx talk, “What Teens Want You to Know (But Won’t Tell You).”*

“I’m bored.” “I don’t care.” “Nothing matters.” “I don’t matter.” “Faith, God and Church; I don’t know what or if I believe in anything.” These are not uncommon thoughts and feelings. In fact, they’re pretty normal and are a sign of a great hunger and thirst for meaning and purpose. You might even say that these thoughts are like “angels” trying to get our attention that life is calling us to a deeper relationship with ourselves, with others and with God. In a way, this is the call to not just “go to church,” but “be the Church”! This is a life-long process of a deepening awareness of God’s belief in us, and our response to cultivate our trust and belief in God’s love.




*Evangelizer, energizer and encourager, Jesse Manibusan has over 30 years in ministry as a liturgical minister, youth worker, parish associate, catechist, and parish mission and retreat director. Based in California and founder of Over the Fence Ministries, he has presented at conferences worldwide, including national youth and pastoral musician conferences and international World Youth Days in Denver, Toronto, Rome, Cologne, Sydney, Madrid and Rio de Janeiro. Manibusan has several CDs published with Oregon Catholic Press.*

Our lives are constantly in motion and our attention is being divided into multiple directions, but what if Jesus were to offer you something greater than the busyness of the world? Let's explore our call to conversion and repentance and how it can lead to a life of adventure, virtue and hope! As Pope Benedict XVI once wrote: "Man was created for greatness – for God himself; he was created to be filled by God. But his heart is too small for the greatness to which it is destined. It must be stretched. ..."



*Based in Anaheim, Calif., Chika Anyanwu is a Catholic speaker, two-time alumna of NET Ministries USA and is an Area Contact for Life Teen. She has recently appeared at the Catholic Youth Ministry Convention in Arizona; City of Saints in Los Angeles; and Ignite in Brisbane, Australia. Anyanwu is a part of a big Nigerian family, studied English in college, loves coffee, and attempts to make food (meals) that are edible.*

Rabbi Mike Lotker discusses how his religious faith is informed and strengthened by his scientific training and 30-year career as a physicist. He will discuss the evidence for God's existence, the truth of the Bible, tackle the question of how a loving God can allow evil and tragedy in the world, and help answer the question of why be religious.



*Rabbi Michael Lotker spent the bulk of his first career in the alternative energy business, working in wind power, solar and geothermal energy. In 2003, he was ordained a rabbi at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. He is presently the Community Rabbi for the Jewish Federation of Ventura County, Calif., and was recently invited to be a Guest Chaplain at the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition to his studies, Rabbi Lotker has published a book entitled, "A Christian's Guide to Judaism."*







### H LIVING JUSTICE, LIVING MERCY: MATTHEW 25

Three billion of the world's population struggle to survive off of less than \$2 a day. Millions of people die of starvation, without homes or clean water, while I sip my Starbucks latte. In Matthew 25, the words of Jesus are very clear: We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world. What does solidarity with the poor mean? And how do we respond as Catholics? This session invites us into a journey with Christ's heart in service with and for the poor.



**Mary Bielski**

*Based in New Orleans, Mary Bielski is a youth minister, national speaker and founder of the All4Him Ministries. With 15 years in youth ministry and 12 years as a national speaker, she has presented to over 75,000 teens and adults across the nation, from parish missions and diocesan rallies to young adult retreats and national youth conferences, including the Steubenville Youth Conference and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.*

### I SUSTAINING JOY

Quite often our joy is dependent upon "retreat highs" or incredible experiences. But is there a way to carry it into the everyday and the normal? In this workshop, we will discuss how to carry the joy through life's highs and lows, challenges and difficulties.



**Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR**

*Originally from South Texas and of Mexican heritage, Fr. Agustino Torres has worked with youth and young adults in different parts of the world for almost 20 years. He joined the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in the Bronx, and now serves as a member of the General Council for his community. Fr. Torres has founded or helped to establish initiatives in Honduras, New York City, and the Bronx and is founder and President of Corazon Puro and Latinos Por La Vida.*

### J ETERNAL FIRE: CONFIRMATION REVITALIZED!

There is no rite of passage. It is not graduation. Confirmation is an anointing of the Spirit and demands a life of active discipleship. Come recognize the need to set the world ablaze!



**Doug Tooke**

*Based in Helena, Mont., Doug Tooke is Director of Partnerships for ODB Films and owner of Monarch Catholic Ministries. He has over 20 years of professional ministry experience and has traveled to over 75 dioceses teaching, keynoting conventions and training youth ministers. Tooke has presented at World Youth Day, the National Catholic Youth Conference and the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, and continues to serve as a leader in the field.*

### K LIKED, RE-TWEETED AND SHARED

When something catches our eye, our attention or imagination – an awesome video, a great song, a funny tweet – we want to pass it on. How do we do the same thing with our faith?



**Mike Patin**

The “engaging” Cajun, Mike Patin lives in Lafayette, La., and has served the church as a high school teacher, coach and diocesan staff person. Since 2003, he has been a full-time “faith horticulturist,” addressing multi-generational groups across the United States and Canada as parish mission presenter, trainer, retreat facilitator and more. Patin has published two books, “A Standing Invitation” and “This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry.”

**L MARK MY WORDS**

Words are powerful. They have the ability to build up or tear down. Words allow us to witness and testify to what God has done in our lives. The Word of God is our source of nourishment and strength. How can we grow in understanding God’s Word and let it take root in our lives? We all have access to God’s Word – the truth that can sanctify, encourage, protect us and do so much more. This workshop will take all gathered on an interactive experience of God’s Word through hip hop music and dance. May we become energized, deepen our understanding of Scripture and be ready to “mark God’s Word” every day!

**Joe Melendrez**

Catholic speaker and performer Joe Melendrez is a religion teacher and Assistant Director of Campus Ministry at Chaminade College Preparatory School in West Hills, Calif. His evangelization ranges from his faith-based clothing line (God Swagg Apparel) to his retreats and hip hop concerts, with appearances at national youth conferences and World Youth Days (both Brazil and Spain) and the God is Good Festival in Germany. Melendrez has three audio CDs: “Rosary Rap,” “Fully Alive” and his latest, “Kingdom Come.”

**M OVERCOMING OBSTACLES**

After being diagnosed with scoliosis (a curvature of the spine) at 12 years old, Brandi Milloy was fitted with a back brace that she wore for nearly four years. Targeted for her differences, she was bullied, ridiculed and ostracized by her peers. She excelled in soccer; however, the same month she was offered a chance to play college soccer, doctors told her she would need to undergo extensive back surgeries forfeiting her chances at being a college athlete. Despite these obstacles, Brandi continued to pursue her dream of going to college and becoming a journalist. Her talk will focus on the importance of keeping the faith, trusting in God’s plan and trusting in God’s timing.

**Brandi Milloy**

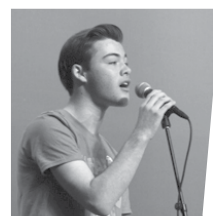
Brandi Milloy is host and producer for POP-SUGAR Food’s shows “Eat the Trend” and “Get the Dish,” is a regular contributor on the Cooking Channel’s “Unique Sweets,” and serves as a judge on chef Guy Fieri’s show, “Guy’s Grocery Games,” on the Food Network. Milloy has also appeared on “The Oprah Winfrey Show” and “Access Hollywood.” Off camera, her appearances have spanned from local high school events to regional and national conferences.

**N ARE YOU READY TO LEAVE A MARK IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?**

Do you have a place where you can share your faith, not only with your peers but with the Church? Are you willing to share your stories of faith so we can learn from you? Many times I hear teens complain, “I don’t know if I want to be Catholic because I will not be able to do the things that I like to do.” But as Mike Patin says, “God is not asking you to stop being you, he is just asking you to include him in your everyday life.” During this session, we will explore different ways to help you invite your Catholic faith to be part of your everyday life.

**Katherine Angulo**

Born in Mexico and raised in Colombia, Katherine Angulo is fluent in English, Spanish and French. She has over 18 years of experience in youth ministry. Presently, she is Associate Director of Youth Ministry at the Office of Formation and Discipleship for the Atlanta Archdiocese. Angulo is Editor of The Mark Catholic teen magazine and Executive Producer of the volunteer training program, Called to Accompany/Llamados a Acompañar. She has presented at numerous diocesan and national events.





## WHO MAY ATTEND?

Youth Day is open to students from parishes and high schools (public and Catholic) who are in grades 9 through 12. Students below 9th grade are not allowed to participate in this event and will be denied admission. We appreciate your adherence to this guideline.

## WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration to attend Youth Day is \$30 per person. After January 26, 2018, fees increase to \$35 per person. Everyone in your group **MUST** be registered for Youth Day, **including all priests who will be accompanying your group or coming to concelebrate Mass.**

## CHAPERONES AND CONTACT PERSON

For the initial group of up to 10 youth, there must be two Adult Chaperones. Another Chaperone must be included with every additional group of up to 10 youth. Groups are required to stay together throughout the day. Students cannot be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.

All **Adult Chaperones** must be at least 21 years of age and be in compliance with their diocese's safe environment policies. Chaperones must remain with the group throughout the day for supervision. Chaperones should be encouraged to participate in the events of the day – youth find it more difficult to participate if adults are not engaged. The format of Youth Day ensures everyone will have a seat, but large groups may be unable to sit together. We ask that as needed, large groups divide into smaller groups that each have appropriate chaperones assigned.

The **Contact Person** is responsible for providing Adult Chaperones with all the necessary forms and emergency information for each student. Youth Day name badges are mailed to the Contact Person, who may also be included as a group chaperone or registrant.

The Contact Person must be able to produce compliance records for each chaperone/adult participant attending Youth Day. Chaperones/adult participants must be in compliance with their diocese's safe environment policies and procedures, including safe environment adult training and fingerprinting/background check. Please contact your parish or school for more information on these guidelines for your diocese.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINES

We recommend that you register early because seats are limited. Once Youth Day fills to capacity, it is **CLOSED** to further registrations. Please note we often reach capacity **before the registration fee increases on January 26, 2018**. If capacity is not reached earlier, the final date to mail your registration is February 9, and the final date to register online is February 20. If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, it will be returned to you. Sorry, there are no exceptions.

## NAME BADGES

All registered persons receive an official Youth Day name badge that serves as their admission to Youth Day. Each person must wear name badge throughout the day. We require a complete first and last name. Registrations will **NOT** be processed if the same name is used in all the spaces on the form or if the names are obviously made up (i.e., characters, professional athletes, celebrities, nick-names, etc.). If needed, you may substitute names on the badges you have received. The name badge color also identifies the track to which you are assigned. You will not be allowed to enter certain parts of Youth Day until your track is scheduled for that event.

PLEASE distribute name badges to all participants prior to leaving your parish or school or before exiting the bus. Those who become separated from their group and do not have name badges will not be allowed entry into the Convention Center or Arena.

Youth Day packets will begin to be mailed after January 23, 2018, addressed to the group Contact Person. Please check your packet **IMMEDIATELY** upon receipt to verify that each Chaperone and each participant has a name badge.

NOTE: There is a \$50 fee for reprinting the name badges for a group attending Youth Day.

## HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Registrations can be completed online by credit card or check, or by mailing in the Youth Day Registration Form (next page) along with a check for the proper amount. Everyone **MUST** be registered for the day (including chaperones and priests – even if only attending at Mass). A maximum of 10 students and one Chaperone can register per form. **Forms, information and online registration by credit card can all be found online at [www.RECongress.org/YD](http://www.RECongress.org/YD).**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page. You may duplicate the form as needed.

1. A maximum of 10 students per form can be registered with each paid Adult Chaperone. All must attend the same workshops. The first registration form for every group should have two Chaperones listed.
2. Once the Registration Form has been processed, additional students cannot be added to it. Additional students require a new form **AND** another paid Chaperone. Please be sure to register all priests who will accompany your group.
3. **YOUTH DAY FEE:** \$30 per person (U.S. dollars only). The fee after January 26, 2018 is \$35.
4. **NOTE: YOUTH DAY USUALLY FILLS TO CAPACITY AND CLOSSES BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE.** Youth Day Registration deadline is February 20, 2018. All registrations received after this date – **or after Youth Day fills to capacity** – will be returned.
5. Mail checks payable to: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, PO Box 761157, Los Angeles, CA 90076-1157.
6. Total payment must accompany this form.
7. **Name badges will be mailed after January 23, 2018.** Please check your packet when it arrives, verifying that each Adult Chaperone and each student has his or her own name badge. Students **MUST** remain with their Adult Chaperones throughout the day.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before January 19, 2018. Note: There is a \$10 per registration refund processing fee.
9. **REGISTRATION QUESTIONS? CALL (213) 637-7348.**

## WORKSHOP REGISTRATION AND ASSIGNMENT

Make sure to indicate on the registration whether your group will attend **TRACK 1** or **TRACK 2** (see the previous pages for the descriptions of the tracks). Also, print the letter of your first- and second-choice workshops plainly. All participants attend the Arena workshop and two workshops from the listings on the previous pages. The same workshops are offered for both tracks.

Workshop Note: If your first choice is full, then you will be assigned your second choice. If both selections are full, then you will be assigned to any available session that can accommodate your group.

## FOOD SERVICES

Track 1 and Track 2 have staggered lunch times. There are food concessions at various places in the Convention Center, Arena Lobby and outside in the Grand Plaza. Lines can be long, so please be patient. We encourage groups to take advantage of the food court in Hall C, where lunch options (including an entrée, side and drink) will be served for a \$10 flat price. Check our website [www.REcongress.org/YD](http://www.REcongress.org/YD) for details. Please note that it is unacceptable to have lunches catered for your group. Participants are allowed to bring individual lunch bags, but pizza delivery, catered meals and large ice chests are not permitted.

# YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

## THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018 – 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

**REGISTER ONLINE  
AT ARCHLA.ORG/  
YDREGISTRATION**

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
ONLY PRE-REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED – **NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY**

**PLEASE PRINT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.**

Diocese \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
School/Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

– For Office Use Only –

Stamp Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Registrants \_\_\_\_\_  
Check Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT PERSON** (If attending, please also include your name below as Chaperone or Registrant, whichever is applicable.)

It is the responsibility of the Contact Person to ensure that all attending adults are in compliance with their Diocese's Safe Environment policies and procedures (fingerprinting/background checks) performed by their Diocese.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICES** • Any special service needs? ☐ Sign Interpreter ☐ Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) ☐ Wheelchair access  
Name of student/adult requiring assistance \_\_\_\_\_

### SELECT TRACK AND WORKSHOPS

If either track or workshop is not indicated, we reserve the right to make the assignments for your group.

\* Indicates Diocesan compliance with Safe Environment policies and procedures (fingerprinting/background checks), including compliance with required Safe Environment Adult Training.

☐ **Track 1** – and choose

Convention Workshop A-G:

1ST Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2ND Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Workshop H-N:

1ST Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2ND Choice \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Track 2** – and choose

Convention Workshop A-G:

1ST Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2ND Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Workshop H-N:

1ST Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2ND Choice \_\_\_\_\_

### ADULT CHAPERONE

☐

\*Compliant? First Name Last Name  
**REGISTRANTS (print clearly and check if Compliant and Adult)**

Adult? \*Compliant? First Name Last Name

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<b>By Jan. 26</b>	<b>After Jan. 26</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$70</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<b>\$90</b>	<b>\$105</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<b>\$120</b>	<b>\$140</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$175</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<b>\$180</b>	<b>\$210</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<b>\$210</b>	<b>\$245</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<b>\$240</b>	<b>\$280</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<b>\$270</b>	<b>\$315</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$385</b>

**Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after January 26, 2018.**

**Please note:** It is unacceptable to cater lunch at Youth Day due to a liability issue for the Convention Center. There are many places through the Convention Center to purchase food. People are invited to bring individual lunches, but catered meals (by restaurants or individuals) will not be allowed. Convention Center staff will ask these groups to leave the premises.

Mail form with check or money order to: RECONGRESS, PO BOX 761157, LOS ANGELES CA 90076-1157  
– you may duplicate this form –



## FRIDAY SCHEDULE

**7:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
On-site registration  
& Program Book Pick-up  
(Prefunction Lobby)

**8:30 - 9:30 am**  
Opening Ceremony & Welcome  
(Arena)

**10:00 - 10:30 am**  
Congress Chat  
(Tech Center - Hall A)

**10:00 - 11:30 am**  
Period 1 Workshops

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**  
LUNCH

**11:45 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Music (Arena)**  
– David Haas & Zack Stachowski  
**Music (Hall B)**  
– WAL

**1:00 - 2:30 pm**  
Period 2 Workshops

**3:00 - 4:30 pm**  
Period 3 Workshops

**5:15 pm**  
Eucharistic Liturgies  
& Evening Prayer  
(see page 22)

**7:45 - 9:45 pm**  
Film Showcase 2018  
(Convention 201)

**8:00 pm**  
**Concert**  
– Ivan Diaz & Friends

**9:00 pm**  
Compline Prayer  
(Convention 303)

**Registration & Program Book  
Pick-Up**

7:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Prefunction Lobby)

**Exhibit Hours**  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
(Hall A)

**Sacred Space**  
10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
(Convention 304 & Ballroom E)

**Speaker Signings**  
11:30 am - 5:00 pm  
*New location!*  
(Northwest side, Hall A)

**Massage Chairs**  
(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

**A.A. Meeting**  
Noon (Marriott) San Diego

## OPENING CEREMONY & WELCOME

Arena – 8:30 am

### “RISE UP!”

We come together in joyful celebration to live out Jesus’ command to Rise Up and go forth sharing the Good News of God’s loving Providence. Come, let us join our voices in a chorus of praise and gratitude. This energetic gathering will be graced by the presence and gifts of:

Archbishop José Gomez	Karla Carrillo	David Haas	Nicole Masero
Fr. Christopher Bazyouros	Andrew Chinn	Sarah Hart	Emily McKinley
Paulette Smith	Jeanne Cotter	Marty Haugen	Monica Miller Luther
Jan Pedroza	Harrison Crenshaw	Darrell Jackson	Rafael Moreno
John Flaherty	Gary Daigle	Frank Jansen	Ann Myers
Tony Alonso	Iván Díaz	ValLimar Jansen	Linda Nguyen
Donna Anderle	Chris de Silva	Mary Janus	Paul Nguyen
David Anderson	Christine Engelfried	Mel Kennedy	Kristina Ortega
John Angotti	Chris Estrella	Kristin Kissell	Pedro Rubalcava
Ed Archer	Santiago Fernández	Gaile Krause	Brenda Smith
Meredith Augustin	Rob Galea	Liam Lawton	Trevor Thomson
Betsey Beckman	Noelle Garcia	Rudy López	John West & the
Anna Betancourt	Estela García-López	Michael Mangan	Valyermo Dancers
John Burland	Dolores Gomez	Jesse Manibusan	Mark Voris
Helena Buscema	Laura Gomez	Clarissa Martinez	Rufino Zaragoza

## FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

### ARENA:

#### DAVID HAAS & ZACK STACHOWSKI



*“Dedicate Yourselves to  
Thankfulness: A Time to Sing  
and Pray”*

Take a break in the day and come together to share prayer and song with a seasoned and esteemed veteran of liturgical music, together with a promising young and bright light in the ministry of sung prayer. Come experience and sing in the midst of this blessed partnership of musical prayer and praise!

### HALL B:

#### WAL



Come join WAL at lunchtime for great music that gives thanks and praise to God through song. For over 15 years, WAL has been serving the Church through God’s gift of song throughout the USA and internationally. WAL carries with them an energetic sound that rejoices in the goodness of our Lord. WAL desires everyone’s hearts busted open to immeasurable lengths emanating awe, inspiring light and love from Christ.

## FILM SHOWCASE 2018



Convention 201  
7:45 - 9:45 pm

The Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University’s Center for Religion and Spirituality, presents excerpts from a number of narrative feature films, shorts and documentaries whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, social justice, ministry, spirituality and theology.

## EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm

### IVAN DIAZ & FRIENDS

*“Rise Up! ... to the rhythm of  
Latin music!”*



Come and lift up your voice with Iván Díaz and friends in a night of praise, faith and joy. A celebration of music in Spanish from contemporary to beloved titles that will inspire you.

*“¡Levántate ... al ritmo de la música latina!”*

*Ven y eleva tu voz junto a Iván Díaz y sus amigos en una noche de alabanza, fe y alegría. Una celebración musical en español con cantos contemporáneos y éxitos de siempre que te inspirarán.*

## PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 1-01** **Rising Up to the Adult Challenge within the Gospels (\*) - Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 1-02** What Do Teens Desire to Receive During Their Preparation for Confirmation? (\*) - **Katherine Angulo**
- 1-03** Ministry: Pastoral, Poor and Missionary (\*) - **Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas**
- 1-04** Deepening Our Appreciation of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ (\*) - **Fr. John Cusick**
- 1-05** Engaging Youth in Evangelization (\*) - **Iván Díaz**
- 1-06** Service: “Projects” or a Way of Life? - **Carole Eipers**
- 1-07** Fire ‘em Up for Jesus! (\*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 1-08** “I Can’t Even!” – Thriving and Surviving Stress and Anxiety (\*) - **Fr. Rob Galea**
- 1-09** Faith: The Renewal of Mind and Heart - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 1-10** Soft Hearts from Hard Places (\*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 1-11** How to Learn the Art of Accompaniment (\*) - **Bill Huebsch**
- 1-12** Creating Peace in Times of Crisis (\*) - **ValLimar Jansen**
- 1-13** Faith and Politics in the Hebrew Scriptures - **Jack Jezreel**
- 1-14** Hope Is a Choice That Matters Today (\*) - **Sr. Lynn Levo**
- 1-15** Rise Up and Sing! Joyful Songs of Faith for Schools and Parishes (\*) - **Michael Mangan**
- 1-16** To Redeem the Soul of America: King’s Vision and Challenge Today (\*) - **Fr. Bryan Massingale**
- 1-17** Ascent to Jerusalem, Ascent to Holiness (\*) - **Rabbi Michael Mayersohn**
- 1-18** Overcoming Obstacles: Trusting in God’s Plan - **Brandi Milloy**
- 1-19** Dwell Among Them: Exploring Incarnation-driven Ministry (\*) - **Katie Prejean McGrady**
- 1-20** Self-Compassion in an Era of Endless Activity - **Joyce Rupp**
- 1-21** Praying the Mass Like Never Before (\*) - **Rev. Michael Schmitz**
- 1-22** Shepherding Communities in Times of Change (\*) - **Dan Schutte**
- 1-23** Praise You, Lord! Pope Francis and the Biblical Theology of Creation as a Source of Christian Spirituality (\*) - **Fr. Donald Senior**
- 1-24** Forgiveness as a Path to Peace (\*) - **Cardinal Luis Tagle**
- 1-25** Middle School Mayhem or Miracle! (\*) - **Doug Tooke**
- 1-26** Seek the Living God – Five Questions for Conversion (\*) - **Nick Wagner**
- 1-27** It Takes Courage to Be a Parent Today (\*) - **Char Wenc**
- 1-70** Vietnamese Workshop (Arise) (\*) - **Fr. Doan Hoang**

## PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 2-01** **Have You Seen Him? Searching for the Child Jesus (\*) - Fr. R. Tony Ricard**
- 2-02** Liturgical Dance: Movement – The Voice of the Dancer (\*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 2-03** Sing to the Lord! Music and Prayer in Teaching the Faith (\*) - **Steve Angrisano**
- 2-04** The Good News About Desire, Sex and the Path to Freedom (\*) - **Mary Bielski**
- 2-05** Jesus said, “Talitha Kum”: Rising UP as Women! (\*) - **Sr. Kathleen Bryant**
- 2-06** The Formation of the Synoptic Gospels (\*) - **Fr. William Burton**
- 2-07** To End the Day: A Contemporary Resource for Preparing Night Prayer (\*) - **Ian Callanan**
- 2-08** Rise Up – Black Parishes and Schools Matter! (\*) - **Msgr. Raymond East**
- 2-09** Embracing Spirituality for the 21st Century (\*) - **Sr. Barbara Fiand**
- 2-10** Transgender in Our Schools: One Bread, One Body (\*) - **Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Bryan Massingale**
- 2-11** The Eucharist as a Sacrament of Death: Repeating Baptism Until We Get It Right (\*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 2-12** Preaching Global Solidarity (\*) - **Fr. David Garcia**
- 2-13** Us vs. Them: Beyond Politics and Into Love (\*) - **Sarah Hart**
- 2-14** The Foolishness of Christianity (\*) - **Fr. Daniel Horan**
- 2-15** All Are Welcome in This Place: Rise Up in Communion (\*) - **Jesse Manibusan**
- 2-16** Millennials vs. Gen Z (\*) - **Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 2-17** “I Scream!” – Culture and the Challenge of Catechesis (\*) - **Mike Patin**
- 2-18** Using Empathic Evangelization to Understand, Reach and Influence the Modern Family (\*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 2-19** Pope Francis After Five Years - **Fr. Thomas Reese**
- 2-20** First Our Parish Was Bilingual, Then We Are Multicultural, Now What? (\*) - **Pedro Rubalcava**
- 2-21** The Outlaw David ben Jesse (\*) - **Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 2-22** Musical Liturgy for the Whole Child: More Than Hand Motions (\*) - **James Wahl**
- 2-23** Forming Fruitful Disciples: How to Unlock the Power of the Spirit in Others (\*) - **Sherry Weddell**
- 2-24** Rise Up, Young People! Raising New Disciples in Schools and Parishes (\*) - **David Wells**
- 2-25** Games, Songs, Crafts and Object Lessons: Hands-on Activities for Early Childhood Faith Formation (\*) - **Dr. Joseph White**
- 2-26** God Calls Me to Dance, Even if I’m Out of Step (\*) - **Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy**
- 2-70** Vietnamese Workshop (Catechesis and Culture: Inseparable and Indispensable) (\*) - **Rev. Hy Nguyen**

🎧 and (\*) are recorded sessions.  
Arena sessions in color.

## PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 3-01** **Thinking Bigger: The Truth About Modern Evangelization (\*) - Mark Hart**
- 3-02** Today! Seeing and Hearing God Through Scripture and Song (\*) - **John Angotti**
- 3-03** Rev Up, Raise Up and Rise Up! (\*) - **Dr. Ansel Augustine**
- 3-04** The Role of Doctrine in the Catechumenate (\*) - **Mary Birmingham**
- 3-05** At the Front Lines of Today’s Most Pressing Humanitarian Emergencies (\*) - **Caroline Brennan**
- 3-06** Butterflies and Rainbows! The Role of Music in Prayer, Catechesis and Celebration with Early Childhood Learners (\*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 3-07** Christ the Master Teacher: 12 Ways to Become a Better Religious Educator (\*) - **Jared Dees**
- 3-08** Following Mary into Missionary Discipleship (\*) - **Dr. Leonard DeLorenzo**
- 3-09** Connecting the Biblical Text to the Text of Life (\*) - **Sr. Carol Dempsey**
- 3-10** Aligning Responses to Bullying with Catholic Schools (\*) - **Frank DiLallo**
- 3-11** Praying Our Lives: A Remedy for Restlessness (\*) - **Becky Eldredge**
- 3-12** Heart, Head, Hands and Heaven: Connecting Imagination and Religion (\*) - **Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 3-13** By What Authority? On the Proper Use and Abuse of Doctrine (\*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 3-14** 13 Reasons Why You Matter (\*) - **Noelle Garcia**
- 3-15** Feeding the Hungers: Our Hope for Faith of Youth and Young Adults (\*) - **Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 3-16** Your Story Matters (How to Tell Your Story) (\*) - **ValLimar Jansen**
- 3-17** Answer: A Sense of Humor. Question: Name One of the Top Five Things that Will Help You Rise (\*) - **Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 3-18** God at the Movies - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 3-19** Rise Up! with Adolescents and Their Families: The Joy of Adolescent Catechesis (\*) - **Margaret Matijasevic, Michael Theisen & Andrea Kopp**
- 3-20** Catechists and Teachers – *In Loco Jesu* (\*) - **Sr. Patricia McCormack**
- 3-21** “The Mother of Jesus Was There”: A Scriptural Portrayal of Mary (\*) - **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 3-22** Sacramental Preparation: Inviting Children to Encounter Mystery (\*) - **Joe Paprocki**
- 3-23** How to Get Your Family to Heaven! (\*) - **Rev. Leo Patalinghug**
- 3-24** Beyond the Moon and Stars (\*) - **Dan Schutte**
- 3-25** Turning the Rising Tide of Apathy, Agnosticism and Atheism: Six Catalysts to Ignite the Faith of Young Skeptics (\*) - **Fr. Robert Spitzer**
- 3-26** Seven Steps to Implementing Change (\*) - **Fr. Michael White & Thomas Corcoran**
- 3-27** When the Praises Go Up (\*) - **C. Vanessa White**
- 3-70** Vietnamese Workshop (“Lord, My God, I Called to You for Help, and You Healed Me” - Ps 30:2) (\*) - **Rev. Thinh Pham**



## SATURDAY SCHEDULE

**7:30 am - 2:30 pm**

On-site registration &  
Program Book Pick-up  
(Prefunction Lobby)

**7:50 am - 9:30 am**

**English (Arena)**  
Morning Praise & Keynote  
– Dr. Carolyn Woo

**Spanish (Hall B)**  
Morning Praise & Keynote  
– Maria Clara Bingemer

**10:00 - 11:30 am**

Period 4 Workshops

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

LUNCH

**11:45 am - 12:30 pm**

**Music (Arena)**  
– John Angotti &  
Meredith Augustin

**Music (Hall B)**  
– Santiago Fernandez

**1:00 - 2:30 pm**

Period 5 Workshops

**3:00 - 4:30 pm**

Period 6 Workshops

**5:15 pm**

Eucharistic Liturgies  
& Prayer Services  
(see page 22)

**8:00 pm**

**Concert (Arena)**  
– “St. Patrick’s Day Celebration”

**8:30 pm**

Sacred Illuminations 2018  
(Convention 213)

**9:00 pm**

Taizé Prayer  
(Convention 303)

**9:00 pm**

Young Adult Dance  
(Marriott)

**Registration & Program Book  
Pick-Up**

7:30 am - 2:30 pm  
(Prefunction Lobby)

**Exhibit Hours**

8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
(Hall A)

**Sacred Space**

10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
(Convention 304 & Ballroom E)

**Speaker Signings**

11:30 am - 5:00 pm  
(Northwest side, Hall A)

**Massage Chairs**

(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

**A.A. Meeting**

Noon (Marriott) San Diego

## SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE & KEYNOTE

Arena – 7:50-9:30 am

We open the day with prayer and thanks to God in a new format this year! For Saturday morning, the Keynote Address will be situated *within* the context of Morning Praise. With Scripture, movement and song (lead by Meredith Augustin and Trevor Thompson), we enter a prayerful space to ask God to open our hearts and minds as our Keynote speaker is presented. After her address, we close with prayer and song as we ask the Spirit to make what we heard a call to Rise Up! and proclaim God’s goodness. Please make sure that you arrive at the beginning so that you enjoy the full experience.



**DR. CAROLYN WOO**

*Keynote Address reflecting on the theme Rise Up!* 🎧

Dr. Carolyn Woo joins us to share her experiences of people around the world being called to rise up in the midst of suffering and tragedy to find a surer footing in God’s love. The source of this strength is hope. Come and see how God is stirring up hope in those around you and how you may be called to rise up and be a bearer of God’s love in solidarity.

## SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

### ARENA:

#### MEREDITH AUGUSTIN & JOHN ANGOTTI

*“One Race: The Human  
Race, United in Love!”*

We live in a world broken and divided. Join Meredith Augustin and John Angotti as they gather us to sing songs that heal our hearts and unite us in Christ.



### HALL B:

#### SANTIAGO FERNANDEZ

*“Psalms, Praise and Joy”*

Come praise the name of the Lord with psalms and raise your voices in supplication unto him! Santiago cordially invites you to share in this time of praise and joy.



*“Salmos, Alabanza y Alegría”*

*¡Vengan a alabar el nombre del Señor con salmos y a elevar hacia el la súplica de sus voces! Santiago los invita cordialmente a compartir este rato de alabanza y alegría.*

## EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm

### LIAM LAWTON & FRIENDS

*“A St. Patrick’s Day Celebration”*



*“The day when everyone becomes Irish!”* Join Liam Lawton in celebrating the great national saint of Ireland, St. Patrick – an immigrant, the son of a convert, and yet a leader among the people who once enslaved him. Celebrate St. Patrick’s life and culture with us in music, word and dance. Guests include Irish musician and composer Ian Callanan, Sr. Edith Prendergast, Tricia Hoyt, and Fr. David Loftus!



Sacred Illuminations 2018

## SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2018

Convention 213 – 8:30 pm

Join us for *Sacred Illuminations: A mystical choreography of light and sound*. Incorporating her newest liturgical and fine art photography and reflections, Sr. Rose Marie Tulacz, SND will bring us to encounter in a deeper way, the love and power of the Father’s love, transforming the reality of our daily lives.

## PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01** *Evangelization Through Beauty*  
- **Bishop Robert Barron**
- 4-02** The Freedom to Engage in Youthful Mission  
(\*) - **Alejandro Aguilera-Titus**
- 4-03** Dancing Through the Holy Land (\*)  
- **Betsey Beckman & Michael Mangan**
- 4-04** In the Likeness: The Power of Extravagant  
Tenderness (\*) - **Fr. Gregory Boyle**
- 4-05** My Spirit Soars, My Spirit Sings! Songs  
and Strategies to Raise Hearts and Voices  
in Faith Formation for Children (\*)  
- **Andrew Chinn**
- 4-06** How to Answer Questions of Faith from  
Young Adults - **Fr. Dave Dwyer**
- 4-07** Evangelization: A Church Which Goes  
Forth - **Carole Eipers**
- 4-08** The Communion of Saints: The Mystical  
Heart of Christianity (\*)  
- **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 4-09** Living the Discerning Life: The Teaching  
of St. Ignatius of Loyola (\*)  
- **Fr. Timothy Gallagher**
- 4-10** Immigration and the Love of Neighbor (\*)  
- **Dr. Cecilia González Andrieu**
- 4-11** Turning to the Historical Jesus and his  
Revolution for Catechists (\*)  
- **Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 4-12** Pass It On: Balancing Faith in Family Life  
(\*) - **Mark Hart**
- 4-13** Making a Difference: Being Not Just the  
Best IN the World but the Best FOR the  
World (\*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 4-14** How to Recognize Grace When You See It  
(\*) - **Bill Huebsch**
- 4-15** Rise Up to Happiness and Joy (\*)  
- **Valimar Jansen**
- 4-16** Faith and Politics in the Gospels  
- **Jack Jezreel**
- 4-17** Sin: From Breaking Rules to Violating  
Justice (\*) - **Fr. Bryan Massingale**
- 4-18** Young People, the Faith and Vocational  
Discernment: A Time of Discernment and  
Action (\*) - **Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 4-19** At the Front Lines of the Global Refu-  
gee and Migration Crisis (\*)  
- **Richard Jones & Caroline Brennan**
- 4-20** Lift Your Eyes! We'd Like to See Jesus (\*)  
- **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 4-21** Bored at Mass? Never Again! (\*)  
- **Rev. Leo Patalinghug**
- 4-22** Women Arising in the Gospel of Luke (\*)  
- **Sr. Barbara Reid**
- 4-23** "May God Love You Through Me"  
- **Danielle Rose**
- 4-24** Coming Out of Exile: Welcoming What Our  
Spirit Is Missing - **Joyce Rupp**
- 4-25** Anti-fragile Faith (\*)  
- **Rev. Michael Schmitz**
- 4-26** Called to be Missionary Disciples: The  
Ministry of the Catechist (\*)  
- **Dr. Joseph White**
- 4-27** Freedom from Useless Fear (\*)  
- **Dr. John Yzaguirre**
- 4-70** Vietnamese Workshop (The Vietnamese  
Couple and Our Foundation for Happiness)  
(\*) - **Prof. Quyen Di**

## PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01** *Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Fran-  
cis* - **Tony Alonso & Jeanne Cotter**
- 5-02** What's Hot and What's Not in the Global  
Church: A 360-degree Review of the Catho-  
lic Landscape (\*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 5-03** Bringing the Spirit and Music of Taizé to  
Your Community - **David Anderson**
- 5-04** Ventilating the World with Tenderness: The  
Strategy of Jesus at the Margins (\*)  
- **Fr. Gregory Boyle**
- 5-05** Let's Gather! Let's Sing! Enriching Chil-  
dren's Catechesis Through Song and Move-  
ment (\*) - **John Burland**
- 5-06** Accompaniment: Sharing Faith with People  
of All Ages (\*) - **Tom East**
- 5-07** Paying Attention to Mary's Voice in My  
Martha World (\*) - **Amy Florian**
- 5-08** Priesthood: Ministerial and Baptismal (\*)  
- **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 5-09** Walking the Path of Faith: Power, Provi-  
dence, Presence of God (\*)  
- **Sr. Bridget Haase**
- 5-10** The Prayer of Chaos (\*) - **Sarah Hart**
- 5-11** Rise Up from Divisions, Anger and Loss:  
Worship in Difficult Times - **Marty Haugen**
- 5-12** Rise Up: A Christian Spirituality of Resis-  
tance (\*) - **Fr. Daniel Horan**
- 5-13** Minding the Gap: Ministry and Transition  
from Youth to Young Adulthood (\*)  
- **Paul Jarzembowski**
- 5-14** You (Yes, You) Were Made to Rise! (\*)  
- **Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 5-15** What's the Hurry with Conversion? (\*)  
- **Blessie La Scola**
- 5-16** Rise and Shine! Time to Exercise Our Bap-  
tismal Priesthood (\*) - **Diana Macalintal**
- 5-17** Terrific Confirmation Tuesday, But What  
Do We Have for Them on Wednesday?  
Post-Sacrament Evangelization (\*)  
- **Cardinal Roger Mahony**
- 5-18** Building a Bridge: Bringing Together LGBT  
Catholics and the Church (\*)  
- **Fr. James Martin**
- 5-19** From Surviving to Thriving in Pastoral  
Ministry: The Pain and the Blessing! (\*)  
- **Robert McCarty**
- 5-20** Teaching Like Jesus: Before the Catechism  
(\*) - **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 5-21** Intercultural Approaches to Catechesis:  
Considerations and Strategies (\*)  
- **Dr. Hosffman Ospino**
- 5-22** Family Matters: Family and Faith Dynamics  
with Youth Ministry (\*) - **Bob Perron**
- 5-23** Freedom of Religion Under Attack Around  
the World - **Fr. Thomas Reese**
- 5-24** Technology and Social Media: A Primary  
Means for Evangelization (\*)  
- **Dr. John Rinaldo**
- 5-25** Building a Lasting Fire: Developing Dis-  
ciples in Your Religious Education Program  
(\*) - **Julianne Stanz**
- 5-26** Leadership in the Catholic Church is a Job  
for All of Us (\*) - **Char Wenc**
- 5-27** Healing Takes Time, Grace and Community  
(\*) - **Rev. Thomas Weston**
- 5-70** Vietnamese Workshop (Pope Francis: A  
Modern Catechist) (\*) - **Rev. Hy Nguyen**

## PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01** Ways of New Evangelization in Asia (\*)  
- **Cardinal Luis Tagle**
- 6-02** Missionary Disciples in the New Evangeli-  
zation (\*) - **Andres Arango**
- 6-03** The People of God Living with HIV/AIDS (\*)  
- **Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen & Fr. Chris  
Ponnet**
- 6-04** Presenting an Evangelizing Catechesis:  
What Would That Look Like? (\*)  
- **Fr. James Clarke, Jared Dees,  
Sherry Weddell & Fr. Michael White**
- 6-05** The Gospel of John: Why Is It So Different?  
(\*) - **Fr. William Burton**
- 6-06** Youth, Faith & Vocational Discernment:  
What We Should Think About for the Up-  
coming Vatican Synod (\*)  
- **Dr. Leonard DeLorenzo**
- 6-07** Bullying Out – Formation In (\*)  
- **Frank DiLallo**
- 6-08** The True Self: Encountering Our Inner  
Depth (\*) - **Sr. Barbara Fiand**
- 6-09** Discerning God's Will (\*) - **Fr. Rob Galea**
- 6-10** Ministry Through Vocation (\*)  
- **Noelle Garcia & David McHugh III**
- 6-11** "I Will Bring You Home": Songs of Prayer,  
Stories of Faith - **David Haas**
- 6-12** Rise and Shine: Social Media and the Mis-  
sionary Disciple (\*) - **Lisa Hendey**
- 6-13** Relationships Ruptured and Restored: New  
Insights into the Sacrament of Reconcilia-  
tion (\*) - **Fr. Satish Joseph**
- 6-14** Accompanying Young People on the Jour-  
ney (\*) - **Christina Lamas**
- 6-15** Synod 2018: Will Our Faith Have Young  
People? - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 6-16** Becoming a Transforming Presence (\*)  
- **Sr. Lynn Levo**
- 6-17** Be the "I" in Evangelize (\*)  
- **Sr. Patricia McCormack**
- 6-18** Sexuality: Celebrate the Gift and Be-  
come Makers of Love (\*)  
- **Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 6-19** Legal and Free: Media-smart Youth Minis-  
ters (\*) - **Sr. Rose Pacatte**
- 6-20** Rise Up: From Living by Goodwill and  
Dogged Willpower to Drawing on the Res-  
urrection and Grace (\*)  
- **Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 6-21** Dare to Disciple (\*) - **William Simon Jr.**
- 6-22** Zydeco Theology and the Gumbo Bible  
(\*) - **Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 6-23** A Church Which "Goes Forth": Finding the  
Resurrected Christ in our Midst (\*)  
- **Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 6-24** RCIA That Works! (\*) - **Nick Wagner**
- 6-25** Songs of Joy and Hope for Children (\*)  
- **James Wahl**
- 6-26** Discern or Decide: Helping Young People  
Know the Difference (\*) - **Joan Weber**
- 6-27** To Set the Captives Free (\*)  
- **C. Vanessa White**
- 6-28** One Size Does Not Fit All: The Case for  
Adaptive Religious Education (\*)  
- **Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy**
- 6-70** Vietnamese Workshop (The Meaning of  
the Lord's Prayer that Leads to Marvelous  
Change) (\*) - **Fr. Doan Hoang**



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 - 11:00 am

On-site registration &  
Program Book Pick-up  
(Prefunction Lobby)

8:00 - 9:30 am

Eucharistic Liturgy  
(Arena)

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 7 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

**Music (Arena)**

– ValLimar Jansen & Friends

**Music (Hall B)**

– Anna Betancourt, Rudy López  
& Estela García-López

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 8 Workshops

3:30 pm

**Liturgy (Arena)**

Closing Eucharistic Liturgy

**Registration & Program Book  
Pick-Up**

8:00 - 11:00 am  
(Prefunction Lobby)

**Exhibit Hours**

8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Hall A)

**Sacred Space**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
(Convention 304 & Ballroom E)

**Speaker Signings**

9:30 am - 3:00 pm  
(Northwest side, Hall A)

**Massage Chairs**

(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

**A.A. Meeting**

Noon (Marriott) San Diego

## SUNDAY MORNING LITURGY

Arena – 8:00 am

As we welcome a new day, we share the opportunity to gather as a community of faith to give praise and thanks. Bishop Kevin Vann of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., will preside this morning's Eucharistic Liturgy. Nourished by Word and sacrament, may we go forth, ever ready to hear Jesus' invitation to "Rise Up!"



Vann

## SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

### ARENA:

**VALLMAR  
JANSEN &  
FRIENDS**



Jansen

*"Rise Up in  
Praise"*

*Rise Up in Praise* is more than entertainment. It is a 45-minute, exhilarating experience of musical encouragement and inspiration. Come and hear the most dynamic Roman Catholic Gospel performers in the United States sing praise to God! ValLimar Jansen and her friends will inspire us to lay down the many burdens that can hold us captive and Rise Up in passionate praise to our God!

### HALL B:

**ANNA BETANCOURT, ESTELA GARCÍA-LÓPEZ  
& RUDY LÓPEZ**

*"The Lord  
Invites Us"*



Betancourt

García

Lopez

You are invited to a concert to celebrate the richness and treasure that is our children with music created for these new generations. In our children, the future becomes present and alive, and with music, we have a tool to strengthen their faith and to lead them on the path to follow our Lord. Come ready to sing. It will be fun! "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14).

*"El Señor Nos Invita"*

*Les invitamos a un concierto para celebrar la riqueza de nuestro tesoro infantil con música creada para las nuevas generaciones. En nuestros niños el futuro se hace presente y con la música tenemos una herramienta para fortalecer la fe y ayudarles a seguir el camino del Señor. Vengan listos para cantar. ¡Será divertido! "Dejen que los niños vengan a mí, no se lo impidan, porque el reino de Dios pertenece a los que son como ellos" (Mateo 19:14).*

## CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm

**ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GOMEZ, PRESIDING**



Gomez

As our Religious Education Congress 2018 comes to a close, we gather to pray, to celebrate and to give thanks for the blessings of the weekend. May we Rise Up to go forth, to spread the Good News to all. Our Closing Liturgy, with Los Angeles Archbishop Gomez, features the 200-plus voice Congress Choir 2018, under the musical direction of John Flaherty.



Flaherty



## PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01** **Persecution of Christians in the World Today (\*) - John Allen Jr.**
- 7-02** **Missionary Disciples that Fascinate, Multiply and Accompany (\*) - Alejandro Aguilera-Titus**
- 7-03** **Breaking Open *Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis* - Tony Alonso & Jeanne Cotter**
- 7-04** **Pray Always and in Many Ways in the Parish - David Anderson**
- 7-05** **How the Baptismal Catechumenate Inspires All Catechesis (\*) - Mary Birmingham**
- 7-06** **Raise Your Voice! Music for Sacraments, Seasons and Celebrations (\*) - John Burland**
- 7-07** **Mission and Witness: Preparing Generation Z Youth for Confirmation (\*) - Tom East**
- 7-08** **Seven Secrets to Reach the Hearts of Children (\*) - Steven Ellair**
- 7-09** **Teaching Mercy: Accompanying LGBT Students (\*) - Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice & Fr. Chris Ponnet**
- 7-10** **Discerning the Will of God: An Ignatian Guide to Christian Decision-making (\*) - Fr. Timothy Gallagher**
- 7-11** **Faithful Witness: The Church - Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 7-12** **God Never Tires: Singing the Astonishing and Relentless Grace of Mercy - David Haas & Zachary Stachowski**
- 7-13** **Neuroscience and Well-Being: How Spirituality Affects Our Health and DNA (\*) - Anne Kertz Kernion**
- 7-14** **I Want to Go to THAT Church: Creating a Parish Where Adults and Young Adults Rise Up! (\*) - Douglas Leal**
- 7-15** **A National Perspective on the Catechetical Imagination (\*) - Margaret Matijasevic**
- 7-16** **Going, Going, Gone ... The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics (\*) - Robert McCarty**
- 7-17** **Mysteries of the Rosary (\*) - Bro. Michael O'Neil McGrath**
- 7-18** **And When I Am Lifted Up, I Will Draw Everyone to Myself! (\*) - Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 7-19** **Encounter Your Way Toward Good Church (\*) - Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 7-20** **How Big Is Your But? (Excuse Me, Lord!) (\*) - Fr. R. Tony Ricard**
- 7-21** **Re-imagining Parish Life in the Light of Evangelization (\*) - Dr. John Rinaldo**
- 7-22** **The Vocation of Administrative Service: Biblical Foundations (\*) - Fr. Donald Senior**
- 7-23** **Why Would an All-loving God Allow Suffering? How to Suffer Well through Christian Faith (\*) - Fr. Robert Spitzer**
- 7-24** **"Go to My Disciples ... and Tell Them"! (\*) - Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 7-25** **No More Volunteers: Getting Parishioners to See Themselves as Missionary Disciples (\*) - Joan Weber**
- 7-26** **Called, Gifted and Fruitful: The Transforming Power of Living the Mission of Jesus (\*) - Sherry Weddell**
- 7-70** **Vietnamese Workshop (Mary in the Liturgical and Devotional Life of the Church) (\*) - Rev. Thinh Pham**

## PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01** **The Historical Jesus (\*) - Fr. James Martin**
- 8-02** **Traversing the Dark Woods: The Journey from Fear to Blessedness (\*) - Fr. James Clarke**
- 8-03** **Deepening Our Appreciation of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (\*) - Fr. John Cusick**
- 8-04** **Heal, Proclaim, Then Teach: A Practical Approach to Evangelization (\*) - Jared Dees**
- 8-05** **Biblical Women Proclaim, "Rise Up!" (\*) - Sr. Carol Dempsey**
- 8-06** **Rise Up, You Tribes of the Church! (\*) - Msgr. Raymond East**
- 8-07** **Weary and Waiting: Nurturing Hope During Transitions (\*) - Becky Eldredge**
- 8-08** **Rise Up! Re-thinking Parish Bereavement Ministry for the Future (\*) - Amy Florian**
- 8-09** **Imagine That! Praying with the Imagination (\*) - Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 8-10** **Multi-colored Halos: Saints and Everyday Holiness (\*) - Sr. Bridget Haase**
- 8-11** **Saints-in-the-Making: Storytelling for a New Generation of Evangelists (\*) - Lisa Hendey**
- 8-12** **Engaging the "Nones": Evangelization of the Inactive and Disaffected (\*) - Paul Jarzembowski**
- 8-13** **Transforming Parishes into Communities of Disciples (\*) - Fr. Satish Joseph**
- 8-14** **Children of the Light: Pre-catechumenate Period with Children (\*) - Blessie La Scola**
- 8-15** **Liturgical Flow: Understanding the Key to Excellent Liturgy (\*) - Diana Macalintal**
- 8-16** **The Word in Song: Singing Scripture with Children (\*) - Michael Mangan**
- 8-17** **Prophets and Prophecy: Prod to Conscience (\*) - Rabbi Michael Mayersohn**
- 8-18** **Pray Out Loud! Stand and Lead! Inspiring a Zeal for Mission in Young People (\*) - Ted Miles & Sergio Lopez**
- 8-19** **Finding Faith in Scorsese's "Silence" (\*) - Sr. Rose Pacatte & Fr. Ron Schmidt**
- 8-20** **How to Become a Saint in Five Easy Steps (\*) - Bob Perron**
- 8-21** **Excellence in Ministry: Best Practices for Successful Catechetical Leadership (\*) - Tom Quinlan**
- 8-22** **The Kerygma Enigma-Transformational Ministry (\*) - Julianne Stanz**
- 8-23** **Rise Up, Broken People! A Revolution of Tenderness (\*) - David Wells**
- 8-24** **WE are Always in Need of Reform: The Western Church in the 14th Century (\*) - Rev. Thomas Weston**
- 8-25** **Finding Courage to Embrace the New Evangelization (\*) - Fr. Michael White & Thomas Corcoran**
- 8-26** **Finding Courage—A Way for Catholics with Same-Sex Attractions (\*) - Fr. Ed Benioff**
- 8-70** **Vietnamese Workshop (The Pearl) (\*) - Prof. Quyen Di**

🎧 and (\*) are recorded sessions. Arena sessions in color.



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# LITURGIES/PRAYER SERVICES



Closing Liturgy



Proclamation of the Gospel



Our Arena Cantors



Young Adult Liturgy



Liturgy in the Arena

## THE LITURGIES

at the Religious Education Congress have grown as they have embraced a wonderfully diverse church. We have worked diligently to inculturate the liturgy to authentically reflect the church of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, where liturgy is celebrated every Sunday in no fewer than 40 different languages.

Living in the gift, promise and spirit of the Second Vatican Council we were inspired by the work and writings of Pope Francis as well as the Masses for Various Needs in the Roman Missal. This year we not only offer liturgies of a particular intention or focus but they are offered in the context of one of the many cultures that exist in the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

Our hope is that these liturgies allow all the participants to take everything they have experienced that day and rise up in grateful prayer and that they give an opportunity to encounter Christ present among us through the many different traditions and expressions of our Church.

## FRIDAY

### EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Care of the Earth in the Perspective of the Filipino Culture	Cardinal Luis Tagle	Ricky Manolo / Clarissa Martinez
Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit in the Perspective of Black Culture	Rev. Anthony Bozeman	Kenneth Lewis / Richard Cheri / Vallimar Jansen / W. Clifford Petty
Restorative Justice: An Act of Mercy	Bishop Richard Garcia	Marty Haugen / Daniel Delgado
Spanish	Cardinal Gregorio Chavez	Anna Betancourt / Rafael Moreno

### FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to our liturgies, we offer non-Eucharistic evening prayer (vespers), including *Compline*, or the *Prayers at the End of the Day*, is the final church service (or office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. The word "Compline" is derived from the Latin completorium, as *Compline* is the completion of the working day.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Diana Macalintal	John Angotti
Compline Prayer (9:00 pm)	Tricia Hoyt	Ian Callanan

## SATURDAY

### EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Eritrean (Eastern Rite)	Rev. Tesfaldet Ashgedom	Eritrean Community
Mary, Mother of Reconciliation	Msgr. Ray East	Tony Alonso / Jeanne Cotter
Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante	Bishop Gerald Kicanas	Pedro Rubalcava / Santiago Fernandez / Ivan Diaz
St. Patrick: The Immigrant Saint	Rev. David Loftus	Liam Lawton
Vietnamese	Rev. Thinh Pham	Bro. Rufino Zaragoza / Paul Nguyen
Hope for the World in the Young Adult Perspective	Rev. Daniel Horan	Steve Angrisano

### SATURDAY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Find prayer experiences at the "bookend" of our day, including *Taizé*, named after the monastic order and city in France, which uses silence and music that draws upon simple phrases taken from the psalms.

Morning Praise & Keynote (7:50 - 9:30 am - Arena)	Meredith Augustin / Trevor Thomson
Alabanza matutina & asamblea (7:50 - 9:30 am - Hall B)	D. Gomez / I. Diaz / R. Moreno
Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Ellie Hidalgo
Taizé Prayer (9:00 pm)	—
	David Anderson

## SUNDAY

### EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES (8 am & 3:30 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Liturgy (8:00 am)	Bishop Kevin Vann	Congress Choir 2018
Closing Liturgy (3:30 pm)	Archbishop José Gomez	Congress Choir 2018

# MULTICULTURAL EVENTS

## MULTICULTURAL EXHIBIT ▶

Friday through Sunday  
Convention Center, 2nd Floor, Prefunction Lobby

The Religious Education Congress annually presents the Multicultural Exhibit, a collaborative effort with the Archdiocesan Office of Ethnic (Multicultural) Ministry. This provides opportunities for attendees to interact with the diverse ethnic communities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. You will find a variety of cultural and religious artifacts, expressions of faith or practices, stories of saints and martyrs, and a plethora of items from the cultural communities of Native America, Central and South America, Europe, Africa (African-American) and Asia. It's a wonderful resource for catechists and all involved in faith formation processes.



Bolivian Community



Korean Community



Japanese Community



Huichol Community



Indonesian Community

## ASIAN AND PACIFIC PRESENCE

The Asian and Pacific communities in the United States – both those born in the United States and immigrants who came to the United States – span several generations. This tremendous increase in Asian and Pacific Catholics across the United States at the beginning of the third millennium is a teaching moment. It is also a teaching moment because of the welcoming spirit to which we are called in “The Church in America (Ecclesia in America)” and in the recent pastoral statement “Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity.” The Church in the United States is enjoined “to offer a genuine and suitable welcome [to newcomers], to share together as brothers and sisters at the same table, and to work side by side to improve the quality of life for society’s marginalized members.”

The Church is blessed with Asian and Pacific pastors, social workers, educators, diocesan directors and lay leaders who are actively and selflessly contributing to building the Kingdom of God in this country. The number of Asian and Pacific Catholics who have been given responsibility in church structures or are well-known in their fields of endeavor is growing.

Besides these living role models, Asian and Pacific Catholics come to the United States with a long heritage of extraordinary witness of life and martyrdom. The Church recently recognized many Asian saints and martyrs; however, the total number of saints and martyrs could fill an entire Asian and Pacific Litany of Saints.

– Asian and Pacific Presence, Harmony in Faith  
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

## IN THE ASIAN-PACIFIC PERSPECTIVE

### ASIAN PERSPECTIVE WORKSHOPS

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 16

- 1-70\* Fr. Doan Hoang
- 2-70\* Fr. Hy Nguyen
- 3-70\* Fr. Thinh Pham

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 17

- 4-70\* Prof. Quyen Di
- 5-70\* Fr. Hy Nguyen
- 6-70\* Fr. Doan Hoang

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 18

- 7-70\* Fr. Thinh Pham
- 8-70\* Prof. Quyen Di

### ASIAN PERSPECTIVE LITURGIES

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Care of the Earth in the Perspective of the  
Filipino Culture - 5:15 pm  
Location: Convention Arena  
Presider: Cardinal Luis Tagle

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Vietnamese - 5:15 pm  
Location: Marriott Grand  
Presider: Rev. Thinh Pham



# YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

## Young Adult Ministry at Congress 2018

A ministry to and with adults, ages 18 through 39, married and single



The Religious Education Congress welcomes young adults and those in ministry to young adults with a number of events on Saturday that are intentionally designed for this community. Establishing strong and vibrant ministries for young adults is one of the priorities of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Synod. This weekend is a chance for young adults to be renewed and energized in their spiritual life and in their commitment to our church.



### YOUNG ADULT LITURGY

*Saturday, March 17 at 5:15 pm*

This year, our Liturgy, "Hope for the World in the Young Adult Perspective," is celebrated by Rev. Daniel Horan, OFM, a Franciscan friar and theologian who teaches at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Music will be led by Steve Angrisano. Come and worship with other young adults from around the world at this celebration that highlights the gifts of young adults.



### YOUNG ADULT DANCE

*Saturday, March 17, 9:00 pm - midnight*

*Cost: \$7 per person*

Keep a great Congress Saturday going into the night. Our DJs will be spinning and taking your requests to make you "RISE UP" and have an amazing time. Young adults 18 to 39 are welcome. Picture ID is required for admission. A no-host bar is provided, as well as complimentary water stations. NO outside containers are permitted.



### WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER THESE YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS

The following list of names and session numbers are workshops that focus on young adult issues or may be of interest to young adults and those in ministry to young adults. You can find additional speaker recommendations under the Young Adult listing on the next page. Review this Registration Guidebook and our website for topics that meet your needs and interests. (Those marked by an asterisk will be recorded sessions.)

#### Alejandro Aguilera-Titus

- 4-02\* The Freedom to Engage in Youthful Mission

#### David Anderson

- 5-03 Bringing the Spirit and Music of Taizé to Your Community

#### Dr. Ansel Augustine

- 3-03\* Rev Up, Raise Up and Rise Up!

#### Mary Bielski

- 2-04\* The Good News About Desire, Sex and the Path to Freedom

#### Fr. James Clarke & Panel

- 6-04\* Presenting an Evangelizing Catechesis: What Would That Look Like?

#### Jared Dees

- 6-04\* Presenting an Evangelizing Catechesis: What Would That Look Like?  
8-04\* Heal, Proclaim, Then Teach: A Practical Approach to Evangelization

#### Dr. Leonard DeLorenzo

- 6-06\* Youth, Faith & Vocational Discernment: What We Should Think About for the Upcoming Vatican Synod

#### Fr. Timothy Gallagher

- 4-09\* Living the Discerning Life: The Teaching of St. Ignatius of Loyola  
7-11\* Discerning the Will of God: An Ignatian Guide to Christian Decision-making

#### Mark Hart

- 4-12\* Pass It On: Balancing Faith in Family Life

#### Bill Huebsch

- 1-11\* How to Learn the Art of Accompaniment

#### Paul Jarzembowski

- 5-13\* Minding the Gap: Ministry and Transition from Youth to Young Adulthood  
8-12\* Engaging the "Nones": Evangelization of the Inactive and Disaffected

#### Douglas Leal

- 7-14\* I Want to Go to THAT Church: Creating a Parish Where Adults and Young Adults Rise Up!

#### Fr. Richard Leonard

- 6-15 Synod 2018: Will Our Faith Have Young People?

#### Robert McCarty

- 7-16\* Going, Going, Gone ... The Dynamics

of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics

#### Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale

- 2-16\* Millennials vs. Gen Z  
4-18\* Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment: A Time of Discernment and Action

#### Brandi Milloy

- 1-18 Overcoming Obstacles: Trusting in God's Plan

#### Fr. J. Patrick Mullen

- 5-20\* Teaching Like Jesus: Before the Catechism

#### Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson

- 6-18\* Sexuality: Celebrate the Gift and Become Makers of Love

#### Roy Petitfils

- 2-18\* Using Empathic Evangelization to Understand, Reach and Influence the Modern Family

#### Danielle Rose

- 4-23 "May God Love You Through Me"

#### Joan Weber

- 6-26\* Discern or Decide: Helping Young People Know the Difference

Congress 2018 offers workshops on a wide variety of topics. This listing of workshops, categorized by ministry/areas of interest, has been identified by the speakers and compiled to assist you in making your workshop choices. Many workshops may overlap in content and will be found in more than one category. Not all workshops are represented.

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# WORKSHOPS

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR OF CATECHIST FORMATION

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Your brother will rise" (John 11:23).

Four words spoken and a world transformed. As we gather over the four days of the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress let us be mindful of why we are there, on whose shoulders we stand, and the lives we touch in service to the People of God.

The Religious Education Congress is a joyous celebration of our faith. How will you celebrate this year? From what will you rise to experience how the Spirit moves in and through you? How will you Rise Up! and be counted, your voice heard?

As we continue the vision of the Second Vatican Council, I challenge you to just one word: Growth! Grow as a Catholic Christian, a catechist, a minister, a child of God. Consider this *Registration Guidebook* as a path to growth in your own faith, to be more fully formed and informed. As you look through these workshops, find ones that will make you pray, think, move, laugh and reflect on the gift that is our faith. Try out a new speaker. Attend that liturgy that's been calling to you year after year. Go visit the Sacred Space and "be still and now." Expand your catechetical horizons.

We have been called. We have been sent. We have been chosen.

What are you going to do about it? How will you celebrate the gift we have been given?

For Certified Catechists and Master Catechists of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, ALL Congress workshops can be used toward your recertification hours.

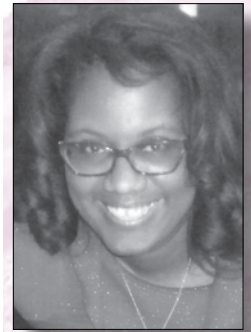
I look forward to meeting many of you and hearing how you and your ministry continue to be transformed. You can find me at the ORE Booth at Congress during my booth hours or find me on all major social media platforms.

Until then, Rise Up!



Dione L. Grillo

Coordinator for Advanced Catechetical Ministries and Basic Catechist Formation (English)



## PERIOD I

10:00 - 11:30 AM • FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018

### 1-01 RISING UP TO THE ADULT CHALLENGE WITHIN THE GOSPELS 🎧 ARENA

We are meant to "rise up" daily from the many graves within which life buries us. We die a thousand deaths during the course of our lives. What are we meant to rise up to? What constitutes the mediocrity we are asked to rise up from? What constitutes the sanctity we are asked to rise up to? What are the hallmarks of a mature discipleship? What constitutes the virtues that Jesus describes as being deeper than those of normal religious practice? Rising up to more noble lives.



**Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI**

*Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. His books have been translated into many languages and his weekly column is carried by more than 80 publications worldwide. Previously, Fr. Rolheiser taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and served as Provincial Superior of his Oblate Province and on the General Council for the Oblates in Rome.*

### 1-02 WHAT DO TEENS DESIRE TO RECEIVE DURING THEIR PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION? 🎧

Quite often in our churches preparation for the sacrament of confirmation focuses only on following a program or a book. This makes young people only feel like spectators of their faith. During this session, we are going to review the invitation made by Pope Francis during the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, to the youth of the world: "Dear young people, we didn't come to this world to vegetate. ... No, we came to leave a mark." During this session, we will be talking about how we can take advantage of this time of preparation to excite young people in their Catholic faith.



**Katherine Angulo**

*Born in Mexico and raised in Colombia, Katherine Angulo is fluent in English, Spanish and French. She has over 18 years' experience in youth ministry. Presently, she is Associate Director of Youth Ministry at the Office of Formation and Discipleship for the Atlanta Archdiocese. Angulo is also Editor of THE MARK Catholic teen magazine and Executive Producer for the volunteer training program, Called to Accompany/Llamados a Acompañar. She has presented at numerous diocesan and national events.*

**1-03 MINISTRY: PASTORAL, POOR AND MISSIONARY** 🎧

Pope Francis wants the Church to be pastoral, poor and missionary. If this is the mission of the Church then it is also the foundation for all ministry. This session presents theologies of ministry and focuses on the notions of ministry as pastoral, poor and missionary. It will tackle the issues ministers face within the Southwest Border reality such as prophetic stances, mystical spirituality of ministry, immigration advocacy and social justice.

**Msgr. Arturo J. Bañuelas, STD**

*Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas is a national speaker, missionary trainer, author and immigrant rights activist. He is a native of the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, where he serves as Pastor of St. Mark Parish. In 1988, Msgr. Bañuelas founded the Tepeyac Institute (a diocesan ministry formation center) and, in 1989, he co-founded the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States. In 2015, Msgr. Bañuelas became founding Chair of the Hope Border Institute. He continues to be active in missionary work and interfaith dialogue.*

**1-04 DEEPENING OUR APPRECIATION OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST** 🎧

One week after the Religious Education Congress ends, we will walk into our churches to commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. It will be Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. This workshop will “break open” the Passion narratives in the Gospels by deepening our understanding of the symbols and language used in the sacred texts to communicate the faithfulness of Christ and the activity of God in these powerful and painful scenes ending with the death of Jesus on the cross. If time permits, we will end this workshop in prayer with the Litany of the Passion, written by the great Cardinal John Henry Newman.

**Rev. John C. Cusick**

*Fr. John Cusick, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, served as creator, coordinator and Director of their Young Adult Ministry from 1970-2013. He also was an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. In February 2012, he received the Blessed John XXIII Award from the Association of Chicago Priests for “significant contributions to the life of the Church in Chicago.” He continues to speak at Church conferences and preach parish missions locally and nationally.*

**1-05 ENGAGING YOUTH IN EVANGELIZATION** 🎧

Young people live in a different world from the generation of their parents and teachers. This workshop will present challenges and suggestions to engage youth to become missionary disciples. This year, Pope Francis has summoned us in a new approach through a synod with the topic, “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment,” Pope Francis said that the Church has decided to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognize and accept the call to the fullness

of life and love, and to ask young people to help her in identifying the most effective ways to announce the Good News today.

**Ivan Diaz**

*Born and raised in Colombia, Ivan Diaz is a songwriter, educator and clinician who is involved in diocesan youth conventions, Hispanic charismatic conventions, music workshops and events across the country. In addition to his role as Music Director at St. Francis de Sales Church in Miami Beach, Fla., Diaz is a high school choral director. His latest release with OCP, “Nuestra Alegría / Our Joy,” was chosen as the official youth and young adult song for Encuentro V. He has appeared on EWTN and the Jesus Christ Network.*

**1-06 SERVICE: “PROJECTS” OR A WAY OF LIFE?**

Jesus said that he “did not come to be served but to serve.” His disciples say the same. We will examine the place of service in our catechetical programs and whether it moves beyond “projects done to get confirmation” to daily integration in a life of discipleship. We will explore and share ways to make that happen.

**Carole Eipers, DMin**

*Dr. Carole Eipers is a National Catechetical Advisor for William H. Sadlier, Inc., and Pastoral Associate at Queen of All Saints Parish in Chicago. She was formerly Director of the Office for Catechesis for the Chicago Archdiocese as well as President of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. Dr. Eipers has presented nationally and internationally primarily on the topic of catechesis. A published author, her latest book is entitled, “Pep Talks for Catholic Teachers.”*

**1-07 FIRE ‘EM UP FOR JESUS!** 🎧

Are you looking for ways to help children get energized about their faith? Are you ready to create a learning environment that is filled with excitement? If so, don’t miss this workshop. We will explore creative activities and techniques that can be used in the catechetical setting with elementary children to foster joy, enthusiasm and faith that is on fire!

**Steven Ellair**

*Steven Ellair is a national speaker with Saint Mary’s Press and currently Managing Editor for Curricula and Content Engagement Specialist. He has been involved in catechetical ministry for 25 years as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic schoolteacher and archdiocesan educational consultant. Ellair has been involved in Catholic publishing for over 13 years and continues to write and speak nationally on issues related to catechesis. He has presented at national religious education events for over 20 years.*



## 1-08 "I CAN'T EVEN!" – THRIVING AND SURVIVING STRESS AND ANXIETY 🎧

Using music, story and humor, Fr. Rob Galea will offer young adults some tips on how to function and thrive in spite of stress, anxiety and even depression.



**Fr. Rob Galea**

*International Catholic speaker Fr. Rob Galea serves in the Diocese of Sandhurst, Victoria, Australia. In addition to his series of recordings and CD releases, the singer/songwriter has also written a number of songs for various international conferences and sang on the English version of the 2016 World Youth Day song, "Blessed Are The Merciful." Fr. Galea is co-founder and Director of "Stronger," a youth program spreading to various dioceses that is fast-becoming one of Australia's largest Catholic youth movements.*

## 1-09 FAITH: THE RENEWAL OF MIND AND HEART

At the core of Christian life is the surrendering of our minds and hearts to God, which can only be done in and through the grace of faith. This workshop will address the concept of faith in relationship to the Church's theology of grace, and its practical implications for daily living.



**Dr. Greer G. Gordon**

*Dr. Greer Gordon is a Roman Catholic theologian and lecturer who served as diocesan director in Boston; Washington, D.C.; Oakland, Calif.; and Baton Rouge, La. She is author of "Symphonies of the Heart" and "Heritage and Vision," the "Church and Ministry" video program and numerous articles for Give Us This Day. Dr. Gordon was one of eight American women invited by the Vatican to respond to John Paul II's encyclical on women and the first woman to deliver the Baccalaureate Address at Boston University.*

## 1-10 SOFT HEARTS FROM HARD PLACES 🎧

We know that we should practice love. But here's the deal: Love can only spill from a heart that has been softened and in most cases broken. Terry Hershey teaches us how to live and love from a soft heart: the permission to see the world – this day – through the eyes of our heart. It happens when we allow ourselves to feel, fully and wholly, without a need to defend or explain. When we allow ourselves to receive love and kindness without suspicion. When we are free to embrace an extraordinary core of strength and courage that resides inside of us, and let it spill to those around us.



**Rev. Terry Hershey**

*Terry Hershey is an inspirational speaker, humorist, author, dad, Protestant minister and landscape designer on Vashon Island in the Puget Sound near Seattle. The internationally renowned speaker and retreat facilitator regularly travels throughout the United States and Canada. His work has been featured on The Hallmark Channel, CNN, PBS and NPR and his gardens and books have been featured in magazines and newspapers of the Pacific Northwest.*

## 1-11 HOW TO LEARN THE ART OF ACCOMPANIMENT 🎧

Pope Francis has had a lot to say to the church and the world over the past few years, but there is no pastoral strategy he has emphasized more than pastoral accompaniment. In this lively workshop, Bill Huebsch will help us consider the principles and practices of accompaniment as they are presented by Pope Francis and the Church. We will find that, as we learn to accompany others, we open the door for many who felt they were edged out of church life.



**Bill Huebsch**

*Bill Huebsch has been a farmer, a writer, a diocesan administrator, a master catechist, a college professor and a spiritual director. He is on the adjunct faculty at the Institute for Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago. Huebsch has published more than 30 booklets and books on spirituality and ministry, including "The Art of Accompaniment," "How God Speaks to Us in Prayer," and several others. For many years, he has maintained a busy international lecture schedule.*

## 1-12 CREATING PEACE IN TIMES OF CRISIS 🎧

"If you are here at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, it is probably because you are a person who yearns for more and more of God's love in your heart, in your relationships and in this world," challenges ValLimar Jansen. As we are inundated each day with so many experiences, we find that we can bump up against unacknowledged prejudices in our own hearts and in our communities. Once acknowledged, how do we build bridges and create peace?



**ValLimar Jansen**

*ValLimar Jansen is a composer, singer, storyteller, speaker and evangelizer. She received critical acclaim for her solo albums, "You Gotta Move" and "Anointing," winning UNITY Awards recognition in 2008 and 2010. Jansen was MC for the 2011 National Catholic Youth Conference held in Indianapolis, and served as co-MC for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' gatherings at the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. She and her husband, Frank, performed for over 300,000 people at the Loreto/Angora international papal event in Italy.*

## 1-13 FAITH AND POLITICS IN THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

It is often assumed that faith and politics are unrelated matters; however, the Hebrew Scriptures from the very beginning are rooted in the assumption that faith and politics are necessarily linked and this linkage informs how we are to understand our God, our faith, our responsibilities and even our salvation as a Christian community. To be a "holy" people, it turns out, means that we will be very interested and engaged in politics, with a very specific political bias.

**Jack Jezreel**

*Jack Jezreel is the original author of JustFaith and founder of JustFaith Ministries. He is a writer, speaker and teacher, focusing on the linkage between faith and compassion and a parish renewal strategy that draws from Pope Francis' emphasis on "missionary disciples." Over the last 15 years, he has given hundreds of presentations, including Keynote Addresses, continuing education for clergy and diocesan staff as well as parish, regional and national convenings. Jezreel was Keynote at the 2011 Religious Education Congress.*

## 1-14 HOPE IS A CHOICE THAT MATTERS TODAY 🎧

Hope is a powerful emotion that arises from the most basic human longings – it is a life-sustaining force, rooted in relationship and our relationship with the future. Today, in our challenging and chaotic time, hope is more essential than ever. In our time together, we will explore the connection between reality, grief and hope, and how our thoughts and feelings create the energy of hope. Also, we will examine some core competencies to help us move beyond our personal and present limits to create a better world, and explore our call to be hope providers.

**Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, PhD**

*Dr. Lynn Levo, a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is a lecturer and licensed consulting psychologist, based in Albany, N.Y. She has presented nationally and internationally on fostering healthy integrated sexuality, celibacy, relationships, intimacy, mutuality in community, and emotional intelligence. Sr. Levo has presented at the L.A. Congress and annually to five Inter-Community Novitiate programs in the United States. She also works with women's congregations in France, Ireland, India and Africa.*

## 1-15 RISE UP AND SING! JOYFUL SONGS OF FAITH FOR SCHOOLS AND PARISHES 🎧

Music and song enable us to joyfully praise God as we share the core of our faith tradition. Teachers, catechists, music ministers (and all who just love to sing!) are invited to experience a selection of vibrant songs from Australian Michael Mangan. Bring your voice and experience repertoire that is sure to have your parish and school communities rising up to sing with joy!

**Michael Mangan**

*Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and music liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The former elementary school Music Specialist Teacher has over 250 compositions that are used in parishes and schools throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Mangan is President of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network, a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, and Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane. His latest music collection is entitled "Let the Children Come."*

## 1-16 TO REDEEM THE SOUL OF AMERICA: KING'S VISION AND CHALLENGE TODAY 🎧

Martin Luther King's mission during the civil rights movement was not just to achieve racial integration; his

deepest goal was "to redeem the soul of America." This session revisits King's vision and its relevance for today, and explores its challenges for the U.S. Catholic Church.

**Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, STD**

*Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, is Theology Professor at Fordham University in New York. A noted authority on Catholic moral theology and social ethics, he has lectured extensively on ethical and racial justice issues both internationally and throughout the United States. Fr. Massingale is a previous Religious Education Congress Keynote, a former President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and has been a leader of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium.*

## 1-17 ASCENT TO JERUSALEM, ASCENT TO HOLINESS 🎧

Jerusalem is *the* holy city in Judaism and Christianity. In this session, we will look at the history and place of Jerusalem in Judaism and Christianity and how the real city became so important to the faith of both religions. Jerusalem is vital to our respective spiritual lives. We will explore how Jerusalem animates our faith.

**Rabbi Michael Mayersohn**

*Rabbi Michael Mayersohn is a Reform Rabbi who teaches the Bible, both Hebrew and New Testament, offering Jewish insights into Sacred Scriptures. Rabbi Mayersohn has spoken and taught as a rabbi, and from 2003 until the present, has spoken at over 20 churches in Orange County, San Diego and Arizona teaching Jewish roots of Christianity and Bible studies. He has presented at the Religious Education Congress since 2010. His latest book is entitled, "I Was There: The Jewish Olive Grower Who Knew Jesus."*

## 1-18 OVERCOMING OBSTACLES: TRUSTING IN GOD'S PLAN

After being diagnosed with scoliosis (a curvature of the spine) at 12 years old, Brandi Milloy was fitted with a back brace that she wore for nearly four years. Targeted for her differences, she was bullied, ridiculed and ostracized by her peers. She excelled in soccer; however, the same month she was offered a chance to play college soccer, doctors told her she would need to undergo extensive back surgeries forfeiting her chances at being a college athlete. Despite these obstacles, Brandi continued to pursue her dream of going to college and becoming a journalist. Her talk will focus on the importance of keeping the faith and trusting in God's plan and timing.

**Brandi Milloy**

*Brandi Milloy is host and producer for POP-SUGAR Food's shows "Eat the Trend" and "Get the Dish," is a regular contributor on the Cooking Channel's "Unique Sweets" and serves as a judge on chef Guy Fieri's show, "Guy's Grocery Games," on the Food Network. She appears on NBC's "The Today Show" as a Today Tastemaker. Milloy has also appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and "Access Hollywood." Off camera, her appearances have spanned from local high school events to regional and national conferences.*



## 1-19 DWELL AMONG THEM: EXPLORING INCARNATION-DRIVEN MINISTRY

When we read the words in John's Gospel, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us," we are immersing ourselves in the reality of the Incarnation – the moment when God became man *so that* we could be in relationship with him. Does our ministry seek to do the same? Are we striving to build relationships with young people, new parishioners, families and total strangers in an attempt to help them build their own relationship with Jesus? There are very specific things we can, and should, do – the lives we live, the things we do and say, and the attitude we maintain are all critically important if we are going to draw people closer to Christ and the truth.



**Katie Prejean McGrady**

*Katie Prejean McGrady is a theology teacher at St. Louis Catholic High School and Youth Director at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Lake Charles, La. She is author of "Room 24: Adventures of a New Evangelist" and, since 2007, she has been traveling throughout North America and across Canada using her original blend of humor and storytelling to speak at events ranging from small sessions to national conferences.*

## 1-20 SELF-COMPASSION IN AN ERA OF ENDLESS ACTIVITY

The person that church ministers often forget to be kind to is their own self. They diligently tend to others and what needs to be done and get lost in the dust-storm of activity. While a focus on service defines a disciple of Christ, if attentive presence is not given to the one who serves, a dedicated sense of purpose can easily slide into fatigue and burnout. Come, give yourself the gift of being re-inspired and refreshed as Joyce Rupp shares how Jesus was self-compassionate and how those who serve in his name can do likewise.



**Joyce Rupp, OSM**

*Sr. Joyce Rupp, a member of the Servants of Mary community, is a spiritual director who has been a facilitator and speaker at retreats and conferences both nationally and internationally for 30 years. She is a freelance writer and well-known award-winning author of numerous best-selling books, including "Fragments of Your Ancient Name," "Prayer Seeds" and "Boundless Compassion." Based in West Des Moines, Iowa, Sr. Rupp was a hospice volunteer for 15 years who now serves as Co-Director of Boundless Compassion programs.*

## 1-21 PRAYING THE MASS LIKE NEVER BEFORE

While many people go to Mass every week, very few know what it is to worship. Certainly, we show up and do our best to "pay attention," but for too many of us this just means we watch closely. You have been given a gift that you have most likely left unused – a gift unused because it is largely unknown. This workshop will uncover this unknown and unused gift, so that you can stop watching the Mass and start worshipping at Mass.



**Rev. Michael Schmitz**

*Fr. Michael Schmitz is Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Duluth, Minn., and serves as Chaplain for the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. He offers weekly homilies on iTunes and BulldogCatholic.org and has appeared in programs for youth and young adults through Ascension Press, as well as through short video messages on Ascension Presents. Fr. Schmitz has preached to youth and young adults across the country.*

## 1-22 SHEPHERDING COMMUNITIES IN TIMES OF CHANGE

Merging parishes, changing priests, new Mass settings ... yet, through it all, the parish staff and community is there, the faithful remnant. Relying on the power and leadership of the Spirit, we can help a community through change, but it requires a certain spirituality to do it well. We need to nurture in ourselves the heart of a shepherd.



**Dan Schutte**

*Dan Schutte is one of the most influential composers of Catholic music for liturgy in the English-speaking world. Some of his most celebrated songs – "Here I Am, Lord," "City of God," "Sing a New Song" – are from his years of collaboration with the St. Louis Jesuits. His more recent collections include "To Praise You" and the Mass setting, "Mass of Christ the Savior." With 50 years of teaching and workshops in liturgy and music, Schutte travels extensively. He is currently Composer-In-Residence at the University of San Francisco.*

## 1-23 PRAISE YOU, LORD! POPE FRANCIS & THE BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF CREATION AS A SOURCE OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

In his remarkable encyclical, *Laudato Si* ("Praise you, Lord"), Pope Francis calls the threat to the environment the "greatest moral crisis of our time" and reflects on the biblical theology of creation as the basis for an "ecological spirituality." This workshop will amplify the beautiful creation theology found in the Bible and consider its meaning for Christian life today.



**Fr. Donald Senior, CP**

*Fr. Donald Senior is President Emeritus of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he is Professor of New Testament. Born in Philadelphia, he is a member of the Passionist Congregation and was ordained a priest in 1967. Fr. Senior has published both scholarly and popular works on Scripture, is a frequent lecturer and speaker throughout the United States and abroad, and serves on numerous boards and commissions. He has served the last three Popes as a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.*

## 1-24 FORGIVENESS AS A PATH TO PEACE

Our rich Christian tradition of forgiveness is being re-discovered as a precious "resource." Join Cardinal Luis Tagle as he leads us in the search for peace in our hearts, families, parishes, communities and the whole world.

**Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle**

*In 2012, Cardinal Luis Tagle was installed as the 32nd Archbishop of Manila, Philippines, by Pope Benedict XVI. He formerly served as Rector at Our Lady of the Pillar Seminary in Imus, Cavite, Philippines, and as an instructor of theology and a spiritual director. Cardinal Tagle has made numerous presentations at conferences worldwide. He has served as a member on several commissions, appointed by various Popes and more recently was named as one of the Synod Fathers for the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization.*

**I-25 MIDDLE SCHOOL MAYHEM OR MIRACLE! 🎧**

Our young adolescents are demanding, yet excellent in so many ways. How can we best serve this incredible population with great faith formation and inspiring discipleship? Come learn proven methods and compelling theories in this workshop!

**Doug Tooke**

*Based in Helena, Mont., Doug Tooke is Director of Partnerships for ODB Films and owner of Monarch Catholic Ministries. He has over 20 years of professional ministry experience and has traveled to over 75 dioceses teaching, keynoting conventions and training youth ministers. Tooke has presented at World Youth Day, the National Catholic Youth Conference and the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, and continues to serve as a leader in the field.*

**I-26 SEEK THE LIVING GOD – FIVE QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSION 🎧**

Do you struggle with keeping adults engaged and leading them to lifelong discipleship? If so, this workshop is for you. Once you discover how to utilize five simple questions, you will be able to help your seekers create and follow through on their own unique faith-formation plan. You will leave this workshop with more confidence and an effective tool for guiding people to deeper conversion.

**Nick Wagner**

*Nick Wagner is Director and co-founder of the online resource TeamRCIA.com. He has more than 35 years' experience as a leader and trainer in ministries, serving as a diocesan director of worship and a parish liturgist. He was 25 years of experience speaking at national, diocesan and parish training events and 20 years as an active team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Wagner is author of several publications, including "Seek the Living God: Five RCIA Inquiry Questions for Making Disciples."*

**I-27 IT TAKES COURAGE TO BE A PARENT TODAY 🎧**

Parenting is both a joy and a challenge in this world. We love our children without limits. We simply do not always appreciate their choices! This interactive, positive session will assist us in giving encouragement successfully to build our children's confidence. In addition, we

will learn to improve our ability to discipline our children to assist them to develop the skills of responsibility. Becoming a parent is a gift from God; being a parent requires all the graces he can give us.

**Char Wenc, MEd, LCPC**

*Internationally known professional speaker, coach and author, Char Wenc is President of Char Wenc Communication. She is a professor at the School of Continuing & Professional Studies at Loyola University Chicago and teaches in the doctrinal programs at the School of Professional Psychology at Adler University in Chicago. Wenc's passion for the topics of parenting and teaching is seen in her writings and speaking, and she is a frequent speaker at the L.A. Congress and elsewhere.*

**1-70 "CHỖ DẬY ĐI, BẠN ƠI" 🎧**

Lời Đức Giê-su nói với người thanh niên quá cố, đứa con trai duy nhất của bà góa thành Naim (Luca 7:14) lại thôi thúc tôi hằng ngày, mời gọi tôi chỗi dậy khỏi những tật nguyên và bại liệt của mình vì những đam mê do ma quỷ, thể gian và xác thịt, để tôi được giải thoát và sống hết mình, sống thật trọn vẹn ý nghĩa đời người như Lời Chúa hằng vang vọng thăm sâu trong tôi: "Hỡi con, được cả thể gian này mà đánh mất chính mình thì được ích gì?" (Luca 9:25); và "Ta đến cho con được sống và sống dồi dào!" (Gioan 10:10).

**"ARISE" 🎧**

"Arise, young man!" (Luke 7:14) – this was Jesus' command to the dead young man, the only son of the widow in Nairn. This call urges us daily to rise up from impairment and paralysis because of the desires of the flesh, and gives us the power to be free of such temptations and to live life truthfully and fully, as the words of the Lord keep reminding us of our own inner depth: "What profit is there for you to gain the whole world, and yet lose your very self?" (Luke 9:25); and "I have come that you may have life, and have it fully" (John 10:10).

**LM Giuse-Maria Hoàng Tiến Đoàn, SJ**

*Hiện đang là Chánh xứ giáo xứ Thánh Phanxicô Xaviê đồng thời cũng là Trung Tâm Công Giáo của người Nhật tại Los Angeles. Từ năm 2003 đến năm 2015 được bề trên chỉ định là Linh Hưởng Hội Tông Đồ Cầu Nguyên của Tỉnh Dòng Tên California, và của Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles đặc trách hướng dẫn các Khóa Tỉnh Tâm và giảng huấn trong các buổi hội thảo và các khóa học hỏi để phổ biến lòng Tôn Sùng Thánh Tâm Chúa Giêsu, Thánh Thể và Thánh Lễ tại nhiều nơi trên Nước Mỹ, Canada, Âu Châu, Nhật Bản, Úc Châu và Việt Nam.*

**Fr. Doan Hoang, SJ, STL**

*Fr. Doan Hoang is Pastor at St. Francis Xavier Church at the Japanese Catholic Center in Los Angeles. He also served the California Province of the Society of Jesus and as Director of the Apostleship of Prayer for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Fr. Hoang has worked as a preacher, retreat master and instructor of parish missions, retreats, workshops and seminars in many parts of the United States, Canada, Europe, Japan, Australia and Vietnam.*



## 2-01 HAVE YOU SEEN HIM? SEARCHING FOR THE CHILD JESUS 🕊️ ARENA

Every day we are given the chance to encounter the Lord. But, I wonder how many times has Jesus Christ tried to visit us and we missed seeing him for who he really was. As teachers and preachers of the faith, it is our call to search for Christ in the least expected places. This interactive presentation will focus on finding Christ in the world around us. From the faces of our children to the faces of the marginalized, if we search for him, we will find him! The question is: Have *you* seen him?



**Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv**

*Fr. Tony Ricard, a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese, serves as Pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish and as Campus Minister and Chair of Theology for St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. He is also an instructor at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University and Director of KnightTime Ministries. Fr. Ricard has authored several books and has presented keynote addresses, retreats, revivals and youth talks across the nation and in 22 countries.*

## 2-02 LITURGICAL DANCE: MOVEMENT – THE VOICE OF THE DANCER 🕊️

We will warm up with a half hour ballet “class” – the foundation upon which all choreography is built. Focus on posture, balance, extensions and grace. From there we will address liturgical dance as “the body at prayer” and the voice of the dancer. Participants will be introduced to several movement pieces that reflect the season of Lent/Easter, including “In the Silence of the Garden,” “No Greater Love” and “Rise Up with Him” from the OCP collection, “Behold the Lamb.” (Note: This is a movement workshop, so dress comfortably to experience the joy of prayerful dance!)



**Donna Anderle**

*Donna Anderle is an accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer who is nationally known. She is on the teaching faculty of the Cincinnati Ballet and Ballet Theatre Midwest, and is involved in Cincy Dance, an outreach program for Cincinnati inner-city schools. Anderle continues to give workshops, keynote presentations and dance in concerts, and has choreographed for major national youth conferences. Her work is compiled in four choreography books and a video with Oregon Catholic Press.*

## 2-03 SING TO THE LORD! MUSIC AND PRAYER IN TEACHING THE FAITH 🕊️

Music is powerful. It says things to us that words alone cannot express. Whether looking for creative teaching ideas or powerful prayer experiences – competently and creatively using music and leading people in prayer is vital in ministry. Research tells us that daily prayer is the single greatest indicator of whether a faithful young person grows into a faithful adult. This workshop is filled with great ideas for both the use of music in teaching and the leading of music in praying with all people, especially youth and young adults.



**Steve Angrisano**

*Veteran musician, composer and youth minister, Steve Angrisano has presented at countless venues ranging from parish events to major conferences around the world, including seven World Youth Days. He has made repeated appearances at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and Youth Day, the National Catholic Youth Conference and the National Pastoral Musicians Conference. His works include “Leading Us Home: Music for Prayer and Worship” and the book, “Essential Songs for Youth Ministry.”*

## 2-04 THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT DESIRE, SEX AND THE PATH TO FREEDOM 🕊️

This session will address the two hottest topics on the planet: sex and God. St. John Paul II “marries” these two topics through his compelling vision for love and life. Using a mix of real-life examples, theology and cultural references, Mary Bielski will answer questions about our deep desires for intimacy, sex and our bodies, and will provide a vision and path to fulfill our unique call to greatness.



**Mary Bielski**

*Based in New Orleans, Mary Bielski is a youth minister, national speaker and founder of All-4Him Ministries. With 15 years in youth ministry and 12 years as a national speaker, she has presented to over 75,000 teens and adults across the nation, from parish missions and diocesan rallies to young adult retreats and national youth conferences, including the Steubenville Youth Conference and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.*

## 2-05 JESUS SAID, “TALITHA KUM”: RISING UP AS WOMEN! 🕊️

Jesus lifted up women in his ministry and in his personal life. Women in the Gospel also lifted Jesus’ spirit and comforted him. One such tender story is when Jesus healed the dying daughter of Jairus, inviting her to arise, “Tal’itha cu’m” (in Aramaic). We are invited to rise up as women with each grace and invitation to growth. God’s will is that we would be women fully alive, ever ready to hear Jesus’ invitation to “rise up!” Do we hear his call to transcend? What style or form of prayer lifts your spirit and helps you to rise up? We also rise to action as we help young women to rise up in their life situations.



**Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC**

*Sr. Kathy Bryant, a Religious Sister of Charity, is a former teacher and missionary who now ministers as a retreat facilitator, spiritual director and workshop presenter. She has authored numerous articles and books and has presented workshops in Australia, Ireland and Africa as well as throughout the United States. Sr. Bryant’s special interests are in spirituality, women’s spiritual development and the abolition of human trafficking.*

**2-06 THE FORMATION OF THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS**

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are known as “the synoptic Gospels.” But just what makes them “synoptic” is not well understood. Clearly they are similar to each other and yet the three are very different from the Gospel of John. How do we explain that these three Gospels are not exactly alike? Understanding how these Gospels emerged from the primitive Christian communities and their formation into written texts helps to provide some answers. This session will trace the development of the three Gospels and show how they are similar to each other and how they came to be so different than the Gospel of John.

**Fr. William L. Burton, OFM**

*Fr. Bill Burton, a Franciscan friar of the Sacred Heart Province, has taught for 20 years. He is currently Professor of Scripture and Spiritual Director at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Fla. Fr. Burton is also a Visiting Professor at DePaul University in Chicago. Outside the classroom, he has guided hundreds of students and pilgrims on study tours and pilgrimage travels throughout the Holy Land, Greece and Turkey. He has several published articles in The Bible Today as well as a DVD series.*

**2-07 TO END THE DAY: A CONTEMPORARY RESOURCE FOR PREPARING NIGHT PRAYER**

In the Roman rite, the Divine Office of Compline is a distinctive and solemn prayer tradition that is said before going to sleep each night. Praying Compline can be enriched through the singing of hymns, psalms and antiphons. In this workshop, Ian Callanan addresses the challenges of praying night prayer – whether as personal devotion or in a community setting – and offers strategies, music suggestions and new resources to create a meaningful way to end your day in prayer.

**Ian Callanan**

*Ian Callanan, one of Ireland's leading composers of liturgical music, is an accomplished arranger, score editor and workshop leader. His music can be heard in the many varied languages throughout Europe, as well as on television and radio broadcasts. Callanan is Director of Music Ministry Together and Director of the “Emmanuel” and the “Seinn” programs. He has presented workshops and spoken at many events in Ireland, the United Kingdom and the United States.*

**2-08 RISE UP – BLACK PARISHES & SCHOOLS MATTER!**

The Black Lives Matter movement has brought much attention to the troubled relations between police departments and the Black and Latino communities. Can some of the same principles of the movement be applied to the survival of our Catholic schools and parishes in black and brown communities? We will look at the recent Black Catholic Congress XII and the upcoming Encuentro V for best practices and new possibilities. Bring your own testimonies!

**Msgr. Raymond G. East**

*The grandson of Baptist missionaries to South Africa, Msgr. Ray East was born in Newark, N.J., raised in San Diego, Calif., and is a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., where he served in six local parishes before being named Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Church. He is former Director of the Office of Black Catholics and Vicar for Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Msgr. East is a regular speaker at the Los Angeles Congress and continues to present workshops, facilitations and keynote addresses at major national events.*

**2-09 EMBRACING SPIRITUALITY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**

In this session, we will reflect on the transformation that happens to us, the change that invites itself into thinking and into the articulation of our faith, as the events of life offer us the opportunity to awaken and to see anew our connection with the Holy. We will attempt to see faith as an organic evolutionary event that moves us toward a holistic experience of the Divine and helps us transcend ancient boundaries that have so often divided us.

**Sr. Barbara Fiand, SND de N**

*Sr. Barbara Fiand, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, is a consultant, lecturer and author who lives in Cincinnati. She formerly was on staff as Adjunct Professor of Spirituality at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago, and as Professor of Spirituality at The Athenaeum of Ohio. Sr. Fiand gives retreats throughout the country and abroad, and has written 11 books. Her primary area of interest is the transformation of consciousness and the theological challenges that it invites us to embrace.*

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## 2-10 TRANSGENDER IN OUR SCHOOLS: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY 🗣️

Gender identity and transgender issues have become hot topics in politics and media, evoking challenging conversations for the Church and Catholic schools. How does the Gospel teach us to serve young Catholics on their journeys? How are we called to be loving in the midst of challenging theological questions? In this session, Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice, with Fr. Bryan Massingale and a panelist, will share experiences and offer theological reflections to inform a pastoral approach for students who question their gender identity.



**Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD**

*Freelance speaker and minister Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice has served a decade in ministry with LGBT Catholics. In addition to professional conferences, his appearances have included many regional and national conferences. Dr. Fitzmaurice also appears on several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network. He is recipient of the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Lumen Christi and the Cardinal's Young Adult in Ministry awards.*



**Rev. Bryan Massingale, STD**

*Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is Professor of Theology at Fordham University in New York. He has lectured extensively on ethical and racial justice issues throughout the United States and internationally. A previous Religious Education Congress Keynote, Fr. Massingale is a former President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and has been a leader of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium.*

## 2-11 THE EUCHARIST AS A SACRAMENT OF DEATH: REPEATING BAPTISM UNTIL WE GET IT RIGHT 🗣️

Why do we acclaim: "When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again"? Somehow, it seems from our acclamation, that before it is a sacrament of life, the Eucharist is a sacrament of death! Interested in finding out why? Don't miss this mystagogy and this heart-to-heart conversation about the wondrous repeatable sacrament of initiation: Eucharist – meal and sacrifice.



**Rev. Richard Fragomeni**

*A priest of the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., Fr. Richard Fragomeni is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he is also Chair of the Department of Word and Worship. He has written widely on liturgy, music, symbolism, the Catechumenate, the Eucharist and liturgies with children, among other subjects. In addition to his teaching and preaching duties, Fr. Fragomeni serves as spiritual director for the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, an Italian-American parish in Chicago's Little Italy.*

## 2-12 PREACHING GLOBAL SOLIDARITY 🗣️

Pope Francis calls us to reject the "globalization of indifference." This workshop explains what global solidarity is, its scriptural and magisterial background, and how we can teach, preach and live it in our parish and our ministries. We will outline a three-step method for communicating this effectively.



**Rev. David Garcia**

*Fr. David Garcia is Director of the Old Spanish Missions for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas, as well as Administrator for Mission Concepcion in San Antonio. He is also Senior Advisor for Clergy Outreach for Catholic Relief Services.*

*Fr. Garcia has published numerous articles on a variety of religious topics for many top publications and served as Rector from 1995-2008 at the San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio. In 2001, that parish was cited in "Excellent Catholic Parishes" as one of the outstanding parishes in the country.*

## 2-13 US VS. THEM: BEYOND POLITICS AND INTO LOVE 🗣️

"Boy, that was *such* a fun election," said no one, ever! Politics is a strange thing, an expression of our values, a long-standing institution, the reason for many a plate of perfectly good turkey and gravy\* being flung in anger across the Thanksgiving table. So how do we keep the ideology of "us vs. them" from infiltrating our churches, our homes, our workplaces, our hearts? With song, prayer, humor and Sarah Hart's personal stories and discussion, come discover practical ways to move past our politics, and into loving each other as Christ. (\*Turkey and gravy not served.)



**Sarah Hart**

*Singer/songwriter Sarah Hart, a native of Nashville, Tenn., has been a retreat author and keynote speaker for over 20 years. Her parish missions and itinerant ministry have taken her across the United States and abroad. Hart has performed for countless conventions and events, and for Pope Francis at St. Peter's Square. The Grammy nominee's songs have been recorded by numerous recording artists and have been heard on TV and in film and commercials. Her songs can be found in hymnals across the globe.*

## 2-14 THE FOOLISHNESS OF CHRISTIANITY 🗣️

St. Paul writes to the Corinthians that what we profess as Christians appears foolish to those who operate according to a worldly wisdom and logic. This workshop will explore the radical foolishness of Christianity as a positive force for change and conversion in the face of division, discrimination and violence. Drawing on the examples of St. Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis, we will consider ways to overcome our tendency to domesticate the Gospel and respond to a call to be foolish according to the logic of the world.

**Rev. Daniel P. Horan, OFM**

Franciscan friar Fr. Daniel Horan is a theologian who teaches spirituality and theology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He is author of numerous academic and popular articles. Fr. Horan previously taught at Boston College as well as Siena College and St. Bonaventure University in New York, and has lectured across North America and Europe. His books include "All God's Creatures: A Theology of Creation," "God is Not Fair and Other Reasons for Gratitude" and "The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton."

## 2-15 ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE: RISE UP IN COMMUNION 🕊

It's a beautiful sentiment, isn't it? Feels good saying and singing it! Alas, that's the sin. Nothing is risked and no faith is needed to simply feel the sentiment while saying and singing the words. But there's hope! Proclaiming and manifesting these words in our living is where the power of faith moves the mountains of prejudice and bigotry in all manifestations. The next big thing isn't technology or technique. It's cultivating a radical sense of welcome and hospitality that moves us from fear to faith – from the notions that we are separate, toward the truth that we are one human family, discovering and appreciating God's love and gift of variety!

**Jesse Manibusan**

Evangelizer, energizer and encourager, Jesse Manibusan has over 30 years in ministry as a liturgical minister, youth worker, parish associate, catechist, parish mission and retreat director. Based in California and founder of *Over the Fence Ministries*, he has presented at conferences worldwide, including national pastoral musician and youth conferences and international World Youth Days in Denver, Toronto, Rome, Cologne, Sydney, Madrid and Rio de Janeiro. Manibusan has several CDs published with Oregon Catholic Press.

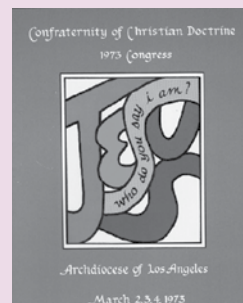
## 2-16 MILLENNIALS VS. GEN Z 🕊

What do we need to know about these two generations that make up almost two-thirds of our church? How are they different and similar? This workshop will explore strategies on how to reach both Generation Z youth and Millennial young adults based upon their generational characteristics, including recent research findings.

**Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale**

Louisiana native Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale has been President of Ministry Training Source since 2000. Her recognitions include receiving the 2002 National Youth Ministry Award from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry for contributions nationally to the field of Catholic youth ministry. For three decades, Dr. McCorquodale has served as an international educator, researcher and consultant for the fields of lay ecclesial ministry, certification standards and processes, youth ministry and e-learning.

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## 2-17 "I SCREAM!" – CULTURE AND THE CHALLENGE OF CATECHESIS 🕊

The "I" words: incessant input, information inundation, idealizing immediacy, ignoring introspection. Today's culture poses serious challenges to evangelization and catechesis. Yet there are other "screams" and other "I" words that Jesus and the Church have to shout to the "I" screams.

**Mike Patin**

Mike Patin – the "engaging" Cajun – lives in Lafayette, La., and has served the church as a high schoolteacher, coach and diocesan staff person. Since 2003, he has been a full-time "faith horticulturist," addressing multi-generational groups across the United States and Canada as parish mission presenter, trainer, retreat facilitator and more. Patin has published two books, "A Standing Invitation" and "This Was Not in the Brochures: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry."

## 2-18 USING EMPATHIC EVANGELIZATION TO UNDERSTAND, REACH AND INFLUENCE THE MODERN FAMILY 🕊

If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck but barks like a dog, maybe it's not a duck. Often, we see families as lazy and apathetic with misplaced priorities. But if we invested with more energy in empathic listening, we'd discover that beneath the surface are scared, hurt, disillusioned people who feel abandoned by God. Many families today experience church as lacking understanding of their real struggles, hopes and fears. In this session, get ready to discover what's *really* going on inside the minds, hearts and homes of today's families. You'll learn how to communicate with them in a way that helps them integrate the Good News into their daily lives.

**Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC**

For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered to youth and young adults in parish, diocesan and school settings. Today, he is a speaker and counselor in private practice. Petitfils has presented at numerous national and regional conferences, workshops and parish missions throughout North America. He hosts the popular podcast, "Today's Teenager," is the author of many articles and has published several books, one of which shares the title of his 2016 TEDx talk, "What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You)."



## 2-19 POPE FRANCIS AFTER FIVE YEARS

In this session, Fr. Thomas Reese, a journalist and expert on the Catholic Church, will describe the first four years of Pope Francis' papacy and its impact on the Church and the world.



**Rev. Thomas J. Reese, SJ**

*Jesuit priest Fr. Thomas Reese is a columnist at the National Catholic Reporter. He formerly was Senior Fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University and was Editor of the national Catholic weekly magazine, America (1998-2005). He is author of "Inside the Vatican: The Politics and Organization of the Catholic Church" and "Archbishop: Inside the Power Structure of the American Catholic Church." Fr. Reese frequently appears on television and radio and is often quoted in the press.*

## 2-20 FIRST OUR PARISH WAS BILINGUAL, THEN WE ARE MULTICULTURAL, NOW WHAT? 🎧

Many of us belong to "shared parishes" – a community of communities that presents challenges at different levels, including the way we pray together. Sharing a vision of what it is to be the Body of Christ is a key factor. Come and join the conversation to hear about best practices where various ministries of the parish can create opportunities to form a welcoming community in which all experience a sense of belonging, so that our Eucharistic liturgies are truly the maximum expression of our communion.



**Pedro Rubalcava**

*Pedro Rubalcava is a bilingual/bicultural composer, clinician, recording artist, cantor and pastoral minister, who is Director of Hispanic Ministries at Oregon Catholic Press in Portland. He also serves on the Executive Boards of the Instituto Nacional Hispano de Liturgia, the National Council for Hispanic Ministry, and the Northwest Regional Office for Hispanic Affairs. Since 1985, Rubalcava has been a frequent speaker at liturgy and other ministry conferences at the parish, diocesan and national levels.*

## 2-21 THE OUTLAW DAVID BEN JESSE 🎧

King David's story always seems straightforward ... until it isn't. The biblical view of David's rise to kingship presents David as an ambiguous fellow, involved in serious and outrageous actions – in short, as an outlaw. Author Baruch Halpern's recent book on David is subtitled: "Messiah, Murderer, Traitor, King." What's THAT about? The Psalms also seem fascinated with "the outlaw years." Why might this be significant and important? Could this be related to exilic editing of Davidic stories as an ancient "Robin Hood"? Come and hear a whole new (old) side of David.



**Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher**

*Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher has taught at Loyola Marymount University for 29 years and now serves as Associate Director for Graduate Studies in Theology. He has been honored with numerous awards for research, including a Ful-*

*bright, and teaching awards such as "Undergraduate Theology Teacher of the Year" by Augsburg/Fortress Press (2006) and "Professor of the Year" in 2007 by the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University. Dr. Christopher has published over 40 scholarly articles and 14 books.*

## 2-22 MUSICAL LITURGY FOR THE WHOLE CHILD: MORE THAN HAND MOTIONS 🎧

The faith of young children is formed and expressed with the whole body: "In view of the nature of the liturgy as an activity of the entire person and in view of the psychology of children, participation by means of gestures and postures should be strongly encouraged in Masses with children" (Directory for Masses With Children, 33). This workshop will explore music and strategies that align with the development of children's motor, cognitive, emotional and social skills, enabling them to more fully enter into the liturgy. Come to this workshop ready to "rise up," singing, dancing and moving around as a child of God!



**James Wahl**

*WLP composer James Wahl has been performing children's music for nearly 20 years. The Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Raleigh, N.C., he previously ministered in California and was Director of Music at SS. Simon and Jude Cathedral in Phoenix. Wahl has served as musician/presenter for various diocesan youth events in Phoenix and Raleigh over the past 10 years. His latest songbook of liturgical music for young children is entitled "Sitting at the Kids' Table."*

## 2-23 FORMING FRUITFUL DISCIPLES: HOW TO UNLOCK THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT IN OTHERS 🎧

The church's greatest riches are her people – human beings consciously cooperating with the grace of God in their time and place. God is not asking us to call forth the gifts and vocations of a minority. God is asking us to call forth the gifts and vocations of millions. Our problem? Few Catholics have reached the stage of Christian maturity where charisms and vocations emerge and abundant fruit is borne. This session will offer a brief introduction on how Catholic leaders and communities can foster the kind of spiritual growth out of which life-changing and world-changing discipleship flows.



**Sherry A. Weddell**

*Based in Colorado, Sherry Weddell is co-founder and Executive Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute, which helps develop parish-centered evangelization. She and her team have worked directly with over 500 parishes and 175 dioceses presenting at diocesan, regional and national conferences across North America, Europe, Asia and Oceania. Weddell is also author of "Forming Intentional Disciples" and "Fruitful Discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and the World."*

**2-24 RISE UP, BROKEN PEOPLE! A REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS** 🕊

In his encyclicals, Pope Francis writes about the frailties and fragility of people. He wants the Church to be careful with people. In his teachings, he has described what some people have called a “revolution of tenderness.” In this workshop, we will consider how two principles – accompaniment and discernment – can help us to be tender in our dealings with people. In this way, we can engage with the “wonderfully complicated” situations we confront. Through the pursuit of tenderness, we will reconsider how we can help to revive our ministries and restore the dignity of young and old alike, and together, to gently heal a fragile world.

**David Wells**

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In the year 2018, Pope Francis is focusing our attention upon the needs of the young and their contribution to the life of the Church. Much is made of what young people believe. But what is Pope Francis saying about young people and how can it help to focus our attention and our pastoral strategies in the right places? With a background in youth ministry and teaching, and a regular speaker at Flame (with over 10,000 young people in attendance at Wembley Stadium in London, England), David Wells explores what Pope Francis means when he calls the young to “make some noise!”

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## 3-01 THINKING BIGGER: THE TRUTH ABOUT MODERN EVANGELIZATION 🎧 ARENA

How does evangelization go from being a “buzzword” to a way of life? Where do parishes go wrong and what approaches are bearing the most fruit? How can we measure the success of our evangelization efforts and where do we have the most potential for growth? The answers to these questions may surprise you. Come laugh and learn with Mark Hart as he offers an honest look at modern Catholic evangelization, some new ideas and timeless, Scriptural wisdom on the matter.



**Mark Hart**

*Mark Hart serves as Executive Vice President for Life Teen International, a Catholic youth ministry movement implemented in 1,800 parishes in 30 countries worldwide. The popular speaker has traveled the globe and is a reoccurring guest and co-host on SiriusXM Radio. Hart is a best-selling and award-winning author and co-author of over a dozen books. His three DVD study series – “Altaration,” “Encounter” and “T3” – are utilized across the globe.*

## 3-02 TODAY! SEEING AND HEARING GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND SONG 🎧

The Bible is not a history book, but a book of truths that are still relevant today. Come and be awakened through Scripture and sing the voice of God in your life.



**John Angotti**

*Based in Memphis, Tenn., John Angotti is a full-time music missionary providing concerts, workshops, retreats and worship. He is a frequent presenter at parish missions as well as regional and diocesan conferences across the United States and abroad. Angotti is an accomplished composer, with numerous works under the World Library Publications label. In 2013, John Angotti Music Mission (JAMM) debuted his original musical, “Job: The NOW Testament.”*

## 3-03 REV UP, RAISE UP AND RISE UP! 🎧

We will look at how Pope Francis challenges us to be a church of the people and how we, as ministry leaders, are called to meet people where they are.



**Dr. Ansel Augustine**

*Dr. Ansel Augustine has worked for over 18 years in his hometown of New Orleans as well as around the country. He is currently Residence Minister for Student Leadership and Faith Formation at St. John’s University and on the faculty at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. Dr. Augustine also serves on the Board for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. He has presented at various national conferences and has written several publications related to ministry.*

## 3-04 THE ROLE OF DOCTRINE IN THE CATECHUMENATE 🎧

Many of us ask how much doctrine is enough doctrine when it comes to preparing catechumens for full initiation in the Catholic Church. This session will explore

what the Church means when the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) insists that catechists are to present “dogma in its entirety” (RCIA, p. 75). Our Catholic tradition is one of the greatest gifts we can pass on to our candidates for initiation and handing it down to them with a focus on conversion is not only an art, but a skill that must be honed and nurtured. We will explore what that means; we will also consider the content of doctrinal catechesis in the RCIA, and how and when to present it.



**Mary Birmingham**

*Mary Birmingham is Director of Liturgy, Music and Christian Initiation at Ascension Parish in Melbourne, Fla. She has been involved in RCIA ministry on a national level since 1992 and is a former team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Birmingham travels extensively throughout the United States and Canada providing diocesan workshops in the areas of Christian initiation and sacramental and liturgical catechesis.*

## 3-05 AT THE FRONT LINES OF TODAY’S MOST PRESSING HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES 🎧

Come hear the latest insights on today’s most dire humanitarian crises from Catholic Relief Services’ Caroline Brennan, who travels to the front lines of emergencies to document the conditions and the realities. Through a visual presentation grounded in stories, she will share perspective on what is happening in areas that are dealing with or recovering from critical humanitarian emergencies today, and provide a behind-the-scenes insight that offers a fresh take for richer understanding and connection. She will shine an urgently needed spotlight on the most vulnerable in our world today, where the role and impact of the Catholic Church is front and center.



**Caroline Brennan**

*Based in Chicago, Caroline Brennan is Senior Communications Officer of the Global Emergency Response Team for Catholic Relief Services. She travels to Jordan and Lebanon regularly since 2012 to meet with Syrian refugees and has traveled to Iraq, Gaza, the Central Africa Republic, eastern Ukraine and the Philippines. Brennan was in Nepal after the devastating 2015 earthquake, and in Europe at the height of the refugee crisis. Overall, she has worked in 22 countries documenting people’s incredible challenges.*

## 3-06 BUTTERFLIES AND RAINBOWS! THE ROLE OF MUSIC IN PRAYER, CATECHESIS AND CELEBRATION WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNERS 🎧

Andrew Chinn lost his daughter to cancer in February 2000. A bedtime conversation with Belinda in her last days focused on butterflies, resurrection and new life. From this conversation sprung a new ministry and a new life for Andrew and his family. Come and share Andrew’s stories, songs and strategies for 3- to 8-year-olds and see how music can enhance the prayer life, catechesis and faith celebrations in your early childhood classrooms.



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### 3-07 CHRIST THE MASTER TEACHER: 12 WAYS TO BECOME A BETTER RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR ☪

Christ is the model for all religion teachers and catechists. He was called both master (leader) and teacher by his disciples and showed them the way to follow in his footsteps. To become better leaders, we have to become better servants. To become better teachers, we need to become better disciples. With 12 exercises and meditations pulled from current best practices in Catholic spiritual formation and catechetical pedagogy, participants will take steps to becoming better disciples, servants, leaders and teachers.

**Jared Dees**

Jared Dees is creator of the website *The Religion Teacher*, which provides resources for religious educators. He is also author of "Praying the Angelus," "31 Days to Becoming a Better Religious Educator" and "To Heal, Proclaim, and Teach." With a background of teaching in Catholic schools, Dees has been a catechist for the past eight years and has offered workshops and keynote addresses at dozens of dioceses and parishes across the country.

### 3-08 FOLLOWING MARY INTO MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP ☪

Mary gave the perfect response to the Word of God. She is both the model of disciples and the mother of all the saints. If we pay attention to all of the hidden activity of her apparently simple and seemingly passive "yes," we will discover how all of us – and all those we educate and form – are meant to listen to the Word of God and act on it. In this session, the Annunciation narrative will become both a spiritual meditation and a practical guide to growing in holiness and forming others in the freedom and courage of faith.

**Leonard J. DeLorenzo, PhD**

Dr. Leonard DeLorenzo works in the McGrath Institute for Church Life in South Bend, Ind., and teaches theology at the University of Notre Dame. He has authored four books, the latest (due out in 2018) is entitled, "What Matters Most: Empowering Young Catholics for Life's Big Decisions." Dr. DeLorenzo has presented at regional and national conferences – including the Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference and the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry – with topics including the saints and the theological imagination.

### 3-09 CONNECTING THE BIBLICAL TEXT TO THE TEXT OF LIFE ☪

Discover new ways of hearing the biblical text in relation to some of today's most pressing issues – including human trafficking, forced migration and immigration, climate change, among other topics.

**Carol J. Dempsey, OP, PhD**

Dominican Sister Carol Dempsey is Professor of Theology (Biblical Studies) at the University of Portland in Oregon, where she teaches graduate and undergraduate students. The renowned lecturer and scholar both nationally and internationally is author of eight books and editor of 11, and has published numerous articles and papers. Sr. Dempsey's latest works include "The Bible and Literature" and "Amos, Hosea, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk: A Commentary."

### 3-10 ALIGNING RESPONSES TO BULLYING WITH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ☪

Jesus sacredly and consistently models what it means to love our neighbor with compassion and dignity for all. However, current terminology to describe bullying as well as traditional forms of discipline do not align with Jesus' teachings. In this session, Frank DiLallo will make a compelling case for how common pejorative bullying responses make things worse and will offer some positive, practical and compassionate alternatives consistent with our Catholic faith. This workshop is an important update for educators to ensure meaningful and hopeful responses toward a Christ-centered school climate.

**Frank A. DiLallo**

Frank DiLallo serves 124 parishes and 75 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio, as the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Office of Child and Youth Protection. With over 35 years of experience in education and counseling, he conducts numerous educator trainings and is a frequent local, state and national speaker on the topic of bullying prevention. DiLallo's works include "Peace Be With You: Christ-Centered Bullying Solution," and the forthcoming "Peace Be With You: Building Christ-Centered School Communities."

### 3-11 PRAYING OUR LIVES: A REMEDY FOR RESTLESSNESS ☪

Do you ever feel like something is missing in life? Do you ever feel like you are on a hamster wheel trying to keep up with life's rapid pace? Do you wonder how will I find rest in the busyness of life? Do you seek a deeper meaning and purpose for your life? If so, this talk is for you. Learn how God speaks to us through our restlessness and yearning for more. Learn practical ways to pray your life to help calm the restlessness within and find rest, love, healing, meaning and joy.

**Becky Eldredge**

Becky Eldredge is an Ignatian-trained spiritual director, retreat facilitator and author of the book, "Busy Lives & Restless Souls." With two decades of ministry experience, she has led young adult retreats, parish missions, Ignatian

retreats, and days of reflection for adults. Eldredge has presented at the Spiritual Director's International Conference, the Ignatian Spirituality Conference, and has appeared as a panelist at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Convocation of Catholic Leaders.

## 3-12 HEART, HEAD, HANDS AND HEAVEN: CONNECTING IMAGINATION AND RELIGION 🎧

We, as Church, have a long and loving history of the Arts enhancing religious education and celebration. Children especially love to be involved in creative experiences that help them connect their heart, head and hands with heaven. Come and join us as we look at practical ways that the Arts – and drama in particular – can help children develop their religious imagination. There will be a focus on enhancing the experience of Scripture in school and religious education programs.



**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

Based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, Anne Frawley-Mangan is an experienced educator, presenter, writer and artist, who specializes in using the Arts (particularly drama) to enhance religious education and liturgy. She presents workshops and keynotes internationally and nationally as well as World Youth Days in the diocese. Frawley-Mangan teaches at Holy Spirit Seminary and at Australian Catholic University and is Creative Director of Litmus Productions, which produced "Good News: Dramas from Luke's Gospel."

## 3-13 BY WHAT AUTHORITY? ON THE PROPER USE AND ABUSE OF DOCTRINE 🎧

Doctrine plays a fundamental role in the life of the Catholic Church, yet few Catholics have a healthy understanding of the proper role of doctrine. This ignorance often leads to abuse as when people accuse those with whom they disagree of heresy. This workshop will provide a healthy and balanced theological framework for appreciating the proper contribution and real limits of doctrine in the Catholic tradition.



**Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College, where he also serves as Chair of the Theology Department. The popular public speaker served as President of the Catholic Theological Society of America from 2013 to 2014. Dr. Gaillardetz has authored or edited 13 books and over 100 pastoral and academic articles. His major books include "An Unfinished Council: Vatican II" and "Go Into the Streets! The Welcoming Church of Pope Francis" (co-edited with Fr. Thomas Rausch, SJ).

## IN 1967

with the cooperation of the dioceses of Monterey-Fresno and San Diego, the agenda for the first three-day "Congress" was set. The first Southern California Confraternity Congress was held on January 13-15 at the LAX-area International Hotel (the property located at Sepulveda and Century boulevards) with a registration fee of \$5. An estimated 3,000 teachers were expected, but planners were unprepared when more than 7,000 actually attended.

## 3-14 13 REASONS WHY YOU MATTER 🎧

The World Health Organization reported that in 2015 suicide was the third leading cause of death in adolescents. As a Church, we must address the deep spiritual void that can lead to the loneliness and burden of suffering that can trigger someone to commit suicide. Noelle Garcia will share her witness as someone who struggled with self-harm, depression and suicidal thoughts as a teen and how a radical encounter with God changed her life. We will discuss this issue from a spiritual and pastoral perspective as well as have some time for prayer and support of one another as we seek to bring light into the darkness.



**Noelle Garcia**

Noelle Garcia is a national speaker, singer, performer and recording artist with World Library Publications. She travels speaking at parishes and conferences, leading music ministry and sharing faith at events including World Youth Day 2008, the National Catholic Youth Conference, the L.A. Congress and has appeared on CNN's "Latino in America" documentary and EWTN's "Life on the Rock." She is the wife of fellow musician and youth minister, David McHugh.

## 3-15 FEEDING THE HUNGERS: OUR HOPE FOR FAITH OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS 🎧

Youth and young adult catechesis in parishes and teaching theology in Catholic high schools/colleges present unique challenges in our postmodern world yet provide great opportunities. The key to effective education-in-faith with this age group is to actively engage the deep hungers of their hearts and then offer the best spiritual foods of Catholic Christian faith.



**Dr. Thomas Groome**

Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, where he also serves as Director of the Church in the 21st Century Center. The award-winning author has written or edited 10 books and numerous articles and essays. Dr. Groome has made over 800 public presentations throughout the last 42 years, nationally and internationally, including all the major North American conferences of religious educators, Catholic educators and pastoral ministers.

## 3-16 YOUR STORY MATTERS (HOW TO TELL YOUR STORY) 🎧

**ValLimar Jansen (bio 1-12)**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis writes: "In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples" (cf. Mt 28:19). "All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization" (#120). Join ValLimar Jansen, an accomplished and acclaimed storyteller, to learn how to tell your own story. In doing so, you will be better equipped to assist each young person you catechize in a deeper understanding of why each of us telling our story is vital to becoming a missionary disciple and an agent of evangelization.



**3-17 ANSWER: A SENSE OF HUMOR. QUESTION: NAME ONE OF THE TOP FIVE THINGS THAT WILL HELP YOU RISE** 🎧

Life is hard, and sometimes hilarious. What do you think are the top five things that can help us – and the people we love – to rise? Each day we are pulled in so many directions that it's easy to become discouraged. What do you think Fr. Joe Kempf will name as the top five strategies for joy-filled lives and for a hope-filled world? How can we help others – including the children entrusted to our care – to rise with us? This session will be insightful, scriptural, funny and tender. Come hear Fr. Joe describe and demonstrate – as only he can – the five key perspectives and concrete strategies for a truly joyful life.

**Fr. Joe Kempf**

Fr. Joe Kempf, a diocesan priest from St. Louis, is founder and President of the non-profit Gospel Values. He has presented at religious education gatherings across the United States and Canada. Fr. Kempf is author of the book, "No One Cries the Wrong Way" and several books for children including, "My Sister is Annoying," "Don't Drink the Holy Water" and "Sometimes Life Is Just Not Fair." He has also published a CD of guided prayer reflections and four volumes of DVDs under the "Big Al LIVE" series.

**3-18 GOD AT THE MOVIES**

Many of us spend more time looking at small screens than we spend looking at trees and books combined. Many of us have friends we have never even met; our big stories are often online or at the cinema multiplex. How well do we know the culture we want to form? What were the questions proposed to us through the movies from last year? What answers can we provide?

**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, based in Sydney, Australia. He has been a Visiting Professor at the Gregorian University in Rome and a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles. A popular speaker at the Religious Education Congress, Fr. Leonard is author of 10 books, including his latest, "What Does It All Mean? A Guide to Being More Faithful, Hopeful and Loving."

**3-19 RISE UP! WITH ADOLESCENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES: THE JOY OF ADOLESCENT CATECHESIS** 🎧

We will examine the newly published document by the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis, "The Joy of Adolescent Catechesis," written to inspire those who are involved in catechetical ministry with adolescents. This interactive session will break open the content of the document as well as facilitate opportunities for participants to engage in the practical applications of the principles presented. How do we accompany young people on their journey in deepening their relationship with the person and message of Jesus Christ? What might the Church look like if our young people rise up and accept the call to be missionary disciples?

**Margaret Matijasevic**

Margaret Matijasevic is Executive Director of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, based in Washington, D.C. She previously worked for 14 years in parish and diocesan roles in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, focusing on leadership through collaboration and the utilization of technology to spread the Gospel. She has presented at local, regional and national gatherings, is published in Catechist magazine, writes a column for Catechetical Leader Magazine, and appears in a video series.

**Michael Theisen**

Michael Theisen has been involved in youth ministry and faith formation for over 30 years, authoring more than 15 books and numerous articles. His experience as a speaker, trainer and ministry leader reaches from parish to diocesan and national levels. Theisen serves as Director of Ministry Formation for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in Washington, D.C., where he also is the National Coordinator for the Strong Catholic Families Initiative. He resides with his family in Rochester, N.Y.

**Andrea Kopp**

Based in Arlington, Va., Andrea Kopp is Assistant Director of Professional Development for the National Catholic Education Association. She has 17 years of teaching and ministry experience and has served in several leadership capacities within schools and parishes. Kopp has served on several national committees. She has made numerous professional presentations at parishes as well as at the NCEA National Convention, Mid-Atlantic Catechetical Conference, and the Early Educators Leadership Conference.

**3-20 CATECHISTS AND TEACHERS – IN LOCO JESU** 🎧

It is commonly known that teachers stand *in loco parentis* (in the place of the parent). In Catholic schools and in religious education classes it is accurate to say that the instructor is also *in loco Jesu* ... in the place of Jesus! This session will focus on teacher practices that imitate Jesus in crafting Christian community.

**Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM**

Dr. Patricia McCormack, a member of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is an international formation-education consultant who serves as Program Director of the IHM Office of Formative Support for Parents and Teachers, located in Philadelphia. She has 30 years' experience in both the classroom and administration and is author of several books, numerous articles and the "Parent Partnership Handbook" feature in Today's Catholic Teacher magazine. Sr. McCormack's ministry also includes workshops and retreats.

**3-21 "THE MOTHER OF JESUS WAS THERE": A SCRIPTURAL PORTRAYAL OF MARY** 🎧

The Mary of Scripture is prophetic, a model for contemplation, the best kind of guest, and one of the last concerns of Jesus before dying. Her biblical role, though, can take second place to the status she has filled in Catholic piety due to her truly monumental role in prayer and

art, with churches, cities and counties named after her. This workshop will reground the Mary of our devotion with the woman revealed in the Word of God.



**Rev. J. Patrick Mullen**

*Fr. Pat Mullen, a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is Professor of Biblical Studies at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif., and Pastor at the neighboring Junipero Serra Parish. He is author of "Dining with Pharisees" and "Sacred Scripture," a high school introduction to the Scriptures. Fr. Mullen speaks annually at the Religious Education Congress as well as to diocesan priests in Phoenix, Utah and seven of the 12 dioceses of California, and at diocesan conferences throughout the Southwest, Texas and Australia.*

## 3-22 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: INVITING CHILDREN TO ENCOUNTER MYSTERY ☪

Too often, children's sacramental preparation is reduced to one of the following: a crash course on Catholic basics; a self-improvement/self-esteem program; or a Vacation Bible School-like experience. While well intentioned, such approaches underestimate children's capacity for grasping the profundity of encountering the Mystery of God in the sacraments. In this session, Joe Paprocki will offer an approach to sacramental preparation – first Eucharist, first reconciliation, confirmation – that is engaging, profoundly liturgical and imbued with spirituality.



**Joe Paprocki, DMin**

*Joe Paprocki is the National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press, located in Chicago. He has over 35 years of experience in pastoral ministry and has presented in over 100 dioceses in North America, including Alaska, Hawaii and Canada. Paprocki is author of numerous books on pastoral ministry and catechesis. His latest book is entitled "A Church on the Move: 52 Ways to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion." He also serves as a catechist and blogs about the experience.*

## 3-23 HOW TO GET YOUR FAMILY TO HEAVEN! ☪

Join Fr. Leo Patalinghug to learn how to effectively impart your faith to your family and students. This session will help you to strengthen the role of God, faith and the Roman Catholic religion in your life and in those entrusted to your care. Learn all of the practical ways to approach broken family situations and difficult pastoral issues, especially if your children are far from the church or living non-Christian values or lifestyles. Learn how to be at peace despite your family struggles.

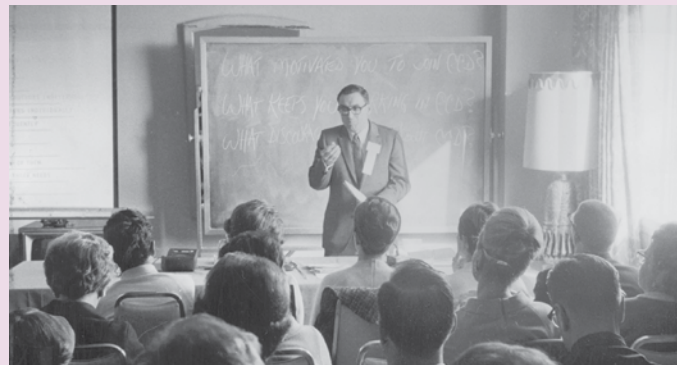


**Rev. Leo E. Patalinghug**

*Fr. Leo Patalinghug is a priest member of a secular institute of consecrated life called Voluntus Dei (The Will of God). He is founder and host of the Grace Before Meals movement as well as founder and Chairman of The Table Foundation. Born in the Philippines and raised in the Baltimore area, Fr. Patalinghug developed his love for cooking while attending the seminary at the North American College in Rome. He is a best-selling author, popular speaker and host of "Savoring Our Faith" on EWTN and a SiriusXM Radio contributor.*

## THE 1969

"Southern California Confraternity Congress" was held at the International Hotel, near Los Angeles Airport. It was obvious that the event had outgrown the facility – hotel rooms were used for workshop sessions; beds and TV sets were removed and chairs brought in. (Note the lamp in the corner and mirror on the wall behind the portable chalkboard.) The chalkboard questions include, "What motivated you to join CCD?"



## 3-24 BEYOND THE MOON AND STARS ☪

**Dan Schutte (bio 1-21)**

As a card-carrying member of the baby boomer generation, Dan Schutte understands well the state of life that his peers are experiencing. With so much changing in the world and our personal lives, it is easy to wonder what will be the legacy of our labors, what will live on after we are gone? This workshop speaks to our longing to know that our life work has been important, that we leave behind a legacy.

## 3-25 TURNING THE RISING TIDE OF APATHY, AGNOSTICISM AND ATHEISM: SIX CATALYSTS TO IGNITE THE FAITH OF YOUNG SKEPTICS ☪

A 2016 Pew Research study found that 40 percent of our Catholic youth will move to unbelief before the age of 35. The primary reason for this is their belief that science has discredited and replaced faith. Fr. Robert Spitzer has developed and beta tested six kinds of evidence to be used in confirmation programs, youth ministries and Catholic high schools to reverse this rising tide of unbelief. This evidence – proof of a creator from science; evidence of life after death and Jesus' Resurrection; the Four Levels of Happiness; and a justification of why a loving God would allow suffering – can easily be presented through PowerPoint and embedded videos.



**Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD**

*Jesuit priest Fr. Robert Spitzer is President of the Magis Center at Christ Cathedral in Orange County, Calif., and President of the Spitzer Center for Ethical Leadership, based in Michigan. He served as President of Gonzaga University in Washington from 1998 to 2009, and has published eight books and many scholarly articles for which he has won awards. Fr. Spitzer appears on radio and television, including "Larry King Live" (debating Stephen Hawking), the "Today Show," the History Channel and PBS, among others.*



**3-26 SEVEN STEPS TO IMPLEMENTING CHANGE** 🎧

Change and transition can be difficult in any organization, but especially in the Church where we seem to mix up small traditions in a parish with the big traditions of the Church. We will look at the struggles that come with introducing change in a parish setting and the seven vital steps that are necessary to change a church culture.

**Fr. Michael White**

*Fr. Michael White previously served as Priest-Secretary to Baltimore Cardinal William Keeler and as Vice-Chancellor for the Baltimore Archdiocese. He is presently Pastor at the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Md., where during his tenure as pastor, weekend attendance tripled from 1,400 to over 4,000! Fr. White is co-author with Tom Corcoran of the recent publication, "Rebuilt," along with a companion field guide, which narrates that parish story.*

**Tom Corcoran**

*Tom Corcoran has served the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Md., in a variety of roles. As Associate to the Pastor he is responsible for weekend message development, strategic planning and staff development. He does small group videos for members of his parish and occasionally speaks to the weekend congregation of his parish. Corcoran was co-author "Rebuilt" and has made presentations at regional conferences in the dioceses of Baltimore, Md.; Rochester, N.Y.; and Milwaukee.*

**3-27 WHEN THE PRAISES GO UP** 🎧

Prayers of gratitude are an important part of our faith as Christians. An attitude of gratitude has been found to have a healthy impact on individuals, particularly during times of stress. As we journey as busy Christians, how attentive are we to the way we pray ... and the power of our prayer to change our interior life as well as those around us? For, what we focus on ... we give power to! This workshop will look at prayer of gratitude and will offer suggestions for those on the spiritual journey.

**Dr. C. Vanessa White**

*Dr. Vanessa White is Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Director of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies and Master of Arts in Specialized Ministries degree programs at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is a member*

*of the faculty and Coordinator of the Elder's Retreat at Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies and the Adjunct Faculty at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Dr. White lectures nationally as a workshop presenter, retreat facilitator, spiritual director and teacher.*

**3-70 "LẠY CHÚA, CON KÊU LÊN CÙNG CHÚA, VÀ NGÀI ĐÃ CHO CON BÌNH PHỤC" (TV 30:2)** 🎧

Buổi hội thảo sẽ tập trung vào khía cạnh Phụng vụ thiêng liêng của hai bí tích Sám Hối và Sức Dầu như các bí tích chữa lành trong Giáo Hội. Qua các bản văn phụng vụ và phát triển pịch sử, tham dự viên sẽ hiểu rõ hơn về mối liên hệ giữa hai bí tích này và làm sao Giáo hội, qua quyền năng của Chúa Thánh Thần, luôn tiếp tục công việc chữa lành và cứu rỗi của Chúa Giê6su trong đời sống của người kitô hữu ngày hôm nay.

**"LORD, MY GOD, I CALLED TO YOU FOR HELP, AND YOU HEALED ME" (PS 30:2)** 🎧

This workshop will focus on the liturgical and spiritual aspects of the sacraments of penance and anointing as sacraments of healing. By focusing on the liturgical texts and historical development, participants will have a better understanding of the inter-relationship of the two sacraments and how they, in the power of the Holy Spirit, constitute Jesus' work of healing and salvation in the life of the Church today.

**Linh Mục Phạm Đức Thịnh**

*Thụ phong linh mục cho Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles năm 2002, Cha Phạm Đức Thịnh đã phục vụ tại Giáo xứ Thánh Gioan Thiên Chúa ở Norwalk. Sau bốn năm phục vụ tại Giáo xứ, cha được gởi sang Roma để theo học chuyên ngành phụng vụ tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện Sant'Anselmo. Cha đã hoàn tất chương trình Cao học của Phụng vụ năm 2010 và cha đang làm Giáo sư về Phụng vụ tại Đại chủng viện Thánh Gioan, Camarillo, Calif.*

**Rev. Thịnh Duc Pham**

*Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 2002, Fr. Thịnh Pham served for four years as an Associate Pastor at St. John of God Church in Norwalk, Calif. Upon completing his first assignment, he was sent to pursue graduate studies at the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy in Rome. He has returned and is currently teaching Liturgy at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif., where he is Assistant Professor of Liturgy.*



**2017** The new addition at the Anaheim Convention Center, called ACC North, opened on September 26 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. In attendance (at left) are RECongress staffers Joanna Aguilar, Natalie Aviles, Chris Krause, Victoria Radleigh Smith, Jan Pedroza, Fr. Chris Bazouros and Paulette Smith.

## 4-01 EVANGELIZATION THROUGH BEAUTY ARENA

In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis recommends the *via pulchritudinis* (“the way of beauty”) as a privileged evangelical path. The Catholic tradition is marked by a reverence for the beautiful. We should be able to take advantage of this treasure trove for the propagation of the Gospel.



**Bishop Robert Barron**

*Catholic evangelist and international speaker Bishop Robert Barron is an Auxiliary Bishop for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. He is host of the PBS documentary, “Catholicism,” and has published numerous books, essays, articles on theology and the spiritual life. Bishop Barron is a religion correspondent for NBC and has appeared on FOX News, CNN and EWTN. Bishop Barron has lectured widely in the United States and abroad and is a frequent presenter at the L.A. Congress.*

## 4-02 THE FREEDOM TO ENGAGE IN YOUTHFUL MISSION

One of the most remarkable qualities of Jesus of Nazareth was his ability to engage people from different cultures and walks of life. Such a quality stems from his freedom from prejudice and his love for all humanity. This same quality is also present at Pentecost, as the disciples free themselves from their fear, led by the Holy Spirit to the joyful proclamation of the Gospel. This workshop explores such qualities applied to ministry with the young church in parishes and in society.



**Alejandro Aguilera-Titus**

*Alejandro Aguilera-Titus is Assistant Director of the Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. He has been a consultant to civic institutions, non-profit organizations and corporations on multicultural issues. Aguilera-Titus has 30 years of experience in ministry with a strong emphasis in pastoral planning, leadership development and formation, catechesis, and ministry with young people. He is also a nationally known speaker and writer.*

## IN 2016

the Religious Education Congress celebrated the 60th anniversary of the first CCD institute and 20 years of the Congress Chat. The first (typing) chat room was held on Friday, February 23, 1996 on CompuServe with Cardinal Roger Mahony. At Congress 2016, Archbishop José Gomez has continued the tradition of (video) chats with school students from the around the Archdiocese.



## 4-03 DANCING THROUGH THE HOLY LAND

Have you dreamed of going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land? Come dance your way through the sacred sites of Israel. With slides and images inviting you into a prayer of the imagination, whirl with David at the Western Wall, gesture Mary’s prayer in Nazareth, sway with the Babe in Bethlehem, embody the Beatitudes, step into the story of the sisters at Bethany, pray with Jesus through the Garden of Gethsemane, and rise to new life as we roll away the stone! All simple dances can be used in your home worship setting. (Michael Mangan will provide musical accompaniment.)



**Betsey Beckman, MM**

*Betsey Beckman is a movement artist, teacher, producer, author and founder of The Dancing Word: Embodying the Sacred in Liturgy and Life. Her ministry includes liturgical movement, online prayer resources created with Abbey of the Arts, embodied arts retreats, and spiritual direction. The freelance choreographer presents at local classes and festivals to national conferences and has several DVD series. Beckman is also Director of Movement Ministry at her home parish of St. Patrick Church in Seattle.*



**Michael Mangan**

*Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and music liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The former elementary school Music Specialist Teacher has over 250 compositions that are used in parishes and schools throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Mangan is President of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network, a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, and Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane. His latest music collection is entitled “Let the Children Come.”*

## 4-04 IN THE LIKENESS: THE POWER OF EXTRA-GANT TENDERNESS

From the experience of working with gang members for 30 years, Fr. Greg Boyle will talk about what members of one of society’s most demonized populations have taught him about humility and fidelity, goodness and God. The measure of our compassion lies not in our service to those on the margins but only in our willingness to see ourselves in kinship with them. Fr. Boyle will explore the hope for those at the margins – to create a community of kinship such that God might recognize.



**Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, SJ**

*From 1986-92, Fr. Greg Boyle served as Pastor of Dolores Mission in Los Angeles and, in 1988, along with parish community members started Homeboy Industries, now the largest gang rehabilitation program in the world. The author and speaker has received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2017, Fr. Boyle received the University of Notre Dame’s Laetare medal, the oldest and most prestigious award given to American Catholics.*



**4-05 MY SPIRIT SOARS, MY SPIRIT SINGS! SONGS & STRATEGIES TO RAISE HEARTS AND VOICES IN FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN** 🎧**Andrew Chinn (bio 3-06)**

We've all experienced that feeling – being in a full church or hall or stadium, with the congregation or crowd singing one song in one voice. Shivers down the spine and tears in the eyes! Music has this power to lift our spirits, unite us in Spirit, to *rise up* as one. Come and join Andrew Chinn as he shares songs gathered from his decades of experience as an elementary teacher and music minister, that will raise voices and spirits, educate in our faith and celebrate with joy (even seventh- and eighth-graders)!

**4-06 HOW TO ANSWER QUESTIONS OF FAITH FROM YOUNG ADULTS**

Surely there are young people in your life who have questions about the Catholic faith – and maybe you are sometimes at a loss for how to answer them. Every weekday on “The Busted Halo Show” on SiriusXM radio, Fr. Dave Dwyer answers questions from people from all over the country of varied experiences of religious faith, from the most devout to those with barely any faith connection. In this interactive workshop, Fr. Dave will demonstrate how any of us can open a door to those with questions about our faith.

**Fr. Dave Dwyer, CSP**

Paulist priest Fr. Dave Dwyer is Executive Director of Busted Halo Ministries, publisher of *BustedHalo.com* and *YoungAdultMinistryInABox.com*, and host of the “Sacraments 101” videos and “The Busted Halo Show” on Channel 129 on SiriusXM radio. Fr. Dwyer has appeared on CNN, Fox News and NBC News as well as “Entertainment Tonight” and “The Daily Show.” The former campus minister at the University of Colorado and the University of Texas has been a major keynote speaker at Catholic events for the past 10 years.

**4-07 EVANGELIZATION: A CHURCH WHICH GOES FORTH****Carole Eipers, DMin (bio 1-06)**

In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis calls us to be a Church which “goes forth.” What does that mean? What are the simple ways that we can respond to the call to evangelize and catechize others for this critical mission of the Church? We will reflect on our successes and examine the potentials for serving evangelization and forming evangelizers.

**4-08 THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS: THE MYSTICAL HEART OF CHRISTIANITY** 🎧**Rev. Richard Fragomeni (bio 2-11)**

At times, being Catholic looks like simply going through the motions of pray, pay and obey! But, we are made and are longing for something more, something profound, something bedazzling. And, like Dorothy at the end of

her journey to Oz, we know there is no place like home. For Christians, home is in the heart of God ... the divine Trinity. We share in that home as a communion of saints, in the communion of God, in the depths of love. Be ready to “go deep” and celebrate the allure of the mystical heart of Christianity.

**4-09 LIVING THE DISCERNING LIFE: THE TEACHING OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA** 🎧

In this workshop, we will explore St. Ignatius of Loyola's teaching on discernment as applied to daily living. We will focus specifically on Ignatius' classic rules (practical guidelines) for discerning what is of God and what is not in our daily spiritual experiences. We will examine Ignatius' own experience, clarify the basic steps in discernment of spirits, and then indicate the practical tools Ignatius supplies for responding to spiritual consolation (joy in the Lord) and spiritual desolation (discouragement in the spiritual life). Ignatius' primary focus in these 14 rules is to “set captives free” from the discouragement of spiritual desolation.

**Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV**

Fr. Timothy Gallagher, an Oblate of the Virgin Mary, is a spiritual director and former provincial who currently holds the St. Ignatius Chair for Spiritual Formation at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver. For 35 years he has taught Ignatian spirituality at parishes, seminaries, retreat centers and conference centers both nationally and internationally. Fr. Gallagher is author of digital resources and eight books on Ignatian spirituality. He often appears on the Eternal Word Television Network.

**4-10 IMMIGRATION AND THE LOVE OF NEIGHBOR** 🎧

Red or blue, pro or against, ban or sanctuary? Does our Christian tradition offer multiple ways to respond to the suffering immigrant neighbor, or just one? Is the United States a perfect land of opportunity and freedom, or is it a land that needs to examine its conscience, admit mistakes and resolve to do better? In this session, theologian Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu examines these complicated and fraught questions by the light of history and the contemporary situation, asking for a truly Christian response from people of good will everywhere in the world.

**Dr. Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu**

Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu is Professor of Theology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. She is an award-winning author of books including “Bridge to Wonder: Art as a Gospel of Beauty” and “Teaching Global Theologies: Power and Praxis.” In addition to many scholarly articles, Prof. Gonzalez-Andrieu is a frequent essayist for *America* magazine and a member of the Board of the Ignatian Solidarity Network. She teaches and presents public lectures frequently both locally and nationally.

## 4-11 TURNING TO THE HISTORICAL JESUS AND HIS REVOLUTION FOR CATECHISTS 🎧

Dr. Thomas Groome (bio 3-15)

The contemporary turn to “the historical Jesus” by Catholic Scripture scholars poses a revolution in both the content and process of catechesis and religious education. In the Jesus of history, we find the defining content for what to teach and the pedagogy for how to teach it. It signals a new day for the Church’s whole catechetical and evangelizing ministry.

## 4-12 PASS IT ON: BALANCING FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE 🎧

Mark Hart (bio 3-01)

How do we ensure the Catholic faith is being lived out in our own marriage, family and home? How can we empower those in the parish to create domestic churches? How do we help those who minister not to allow their own prayer lives and families to be lost while serving the greater church? How do we enliven the next generation to carry on this gift of the Catholic faith for centuries to come? Mark Hart will offer insights, ideas and solutions to help keep your family well-balanced and holy in the midst of stress and busyness.

## 4-13 MAKING A DIFFERENCE: BEING NOT JUST THE BEST IN THE WORLD BUT THE BEST FOR THE WORLD 🎧

Rev. Terry Hershey (bio 1-10)

Have you ever asked: “Why should I care anymore?” Yes, life is difficult. Yes, obstacles are real. But if we see it only as a struggle, our mindset is consumed by the next bigger and badder thing. And we never arrive. Terry Hershey helps us see that we are not being asked to let go of the obstacle; we can let go of the struggle. Our letting go is predicated on a holding onto. Meaning that this obstacle – whether pain or fear or limitation – is wrapped around an incredible and grace-filled gift: the sacrament of the present moment, an inner life fueled by a capacity to doubt, question, dare, connect, forgive, risk, receive, contribute, delight and live unabashedly unafraid.

## 4-14 HOW TO RECOGNIZE GRACE WHEN YOU SEE IT 🎧

Bill Huebsch (bio 1-11)

In this exciting workshop, we will consider grace, which is how God dwells with us in the nitty gritty of our daily lives. God’s graceful indwelling continually shapes and calls us. We experience this grace in many ways, but we often don’t recognize it, or having seen it, don’t embrace it. Bill Huebsch offers us a practical and exciting guide to help us recognize grace when we see it: in our own lives and the lives of those around us. Recognizing grace helps us “get up and do what needs to be done”!

## 4-15 RISE UP TO HAPPINESS AND JOY 🎧

ValLimar Jansen (bio 1-12)

According to the latest U.S. Census, statistics show there are numerous things American women face each day that can cause pessimism and despair. Nonetheless, they “rise up” each day with a firm commitment to walk in joy and create happiness. Happiness is more than something you find or controlled by the wheel of fate. Joy is fruit of the Holy Spirit. There are many steps one can take each day to cultivate joy. Join ValLimar Jansen and learn proven methods to increase joy and happiness in your life. She will use music, prayer, Sacred Scripture, secular stories and scientific research on joy and happiness.

## 4-16 FAITH AND POLITICS IN THE GOSPELS

Jack Jezreel (bio 1-13)

It is not uncommon to bump into Catholic expressions that seem to disregard the world of political engagement as optional or lesser or even to be avoided. However, our Catholic tradition makes clear that political involvement is both a necessary and constitutive dimension of our faith. Jesus himself draws his disciples into a political vision that informs all that he does. As disciples of Jesus, we have a political vision, a political dream that requires our engagement. It brings hope and life and it is waiting for fulfillment! Imagine: a holy way to be political!

## 4-17 SIN: FROM BREAKING RULES TO VIOLATING JUSTICE 🎧

Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, STD (bio 1-16)

“Sin” is a word that seems to have fallen on hard times. Yet it is an obvious reality in contemporary life. This session will look at the development of the Catholic understanding of sin as it has moved from a focus on keeping rules to a summons to treat others justly. We will also examine what we mean by “social sin” and “structures of sin.” The end result will be a more “adult” understanding of “sin.”

## 4-18 YOUNG PEOPLE, THE FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT: A TIME OF DISCERNMENT AND ACTION 🎧

Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale (bio 2-16)

What will the future hold for the Church’s pastoral ministry with youth and young adults? This is one of the primary questions reflected upon as part of the October 2018 Synod of Bishops. The synod will provide the Church a unique opportunity to listen and focus our attention on ministry with the younger members of our faith communities. This workshop will suggest ways that your community can be engaged with and benefit from this general assembly. Topics for discussion will include an understanding of the major themes in the preparatory document, as well as strategies for engaging your community in dialogue and action on synod priorities.



**4-19 AT THE FRONT LINES OF THE GLOBAL REFUGEE AND MIGRATION CRISIS** 🗣️

Hear the latest insights on the global refugee and migration crisis by two Catholic Relief Services (CRS) staff members working at the front lines in Latin America and the Caribbean, and also the Middle East and Europe. Through a visual presentation grounded in stories, CRS' Rick Jones and Caroline Brennan will share perspectives on what is happening in areas where people have been forced to flee their homes. They will provide a behind-the-scenes look that shines an urgently needed spotlight on populations who are among the most vulnerable in our world today. In the face of this crisis, the role and impact of the Catholic Church has been front and center.

**Richard Alan Jones**

*Rick Jones, based in El Salvador, is Senior Technical Advisor in Latin America and the Caribbean for Catholic Relief Services and previously served as the Deputy Regional Director for Global Solidarity and Justice. For the past 25 years he has worked on peace building, human rights and development programs in Latin America. He has testified before Senate hearings on Homeland Security and unaccompanied minors, as well as with the U.S. Agency for International Development on gang-related issues.*

**Caroline Brennan**

*Based in Chicago, Caroline Brennan is Senior Communications Officer of the Global Emergency Response Team for Catholic Relief Services. She has been in Jordan and Lebanon regularly since 2012 to meet with Syrian refugees and has traveled to Iraq, Gaza, the Central Africa Republic, eastern Ukraine and the Philippines. Brennan was in Nepal after the devastating 2015 earthquake, and in Europe at the height of the refugee crisis. Overall, she has worked in 22 countries documenting people's incredible challenges.*

**4-20 LIFT YOUR EYES! WE'D LIKE TO SEE JESUS** 🗣️

"What are you looking for?" These are the first words Jesus speaks in John's Gospel. Today, the question is: Are we still seeking him, and where are we looking for him? Who are we using as a go-between – someone to get us closer to Jesus, to give us an "in" with him – as Philip and Andrew do with the Greeks/outsideers? Or are we now living and connecting others with Jesus, as his disciples and making sure that others get to Jesus? So many are asking us: We'd like to see Jesus, can you get us to him? Come, let us draw others to Jesus, the Son of Man.

**Megan McKenna**

*Megan McKenna, a native of New York City who now lives in Albuquerque, N.M., is an international speaker, storyteller and theologian. She is author of 49 books, including "This Will be Remembered of Her" (which won an award in Spirituality from the Catholic Press Association) and "Like a Hammer Shattering Rock." McKenna teaches at several universities, colleges and pastoral institutes around the world. She is an Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi USA and won the Isaac Hecker Award for Justice and Peace.*

**4-21 BORED AT MASS? NEVER AGAIN!** 🗣️**Rev. Leo E. Patalinghug (bio 3-23)**

Join Fr. Leo Patalinghug to help you better understand the Mass, its theology, and pastoral and practical life applications. This session will help parents and teachers explain the Mass to students and children, and provide practical tips on how to get your family more excited about Mass and faith in general. Experience a greater conversion, devotion and appreciation for the Sacred Liturgy, and most importantly learn how never to be bored at Mass.

**4-22 WOMEN ARISING IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE** 🗣️

The Gospel of Luke has more episodes featuring women than any other Gospel, which led early feminists to say that Luke is the Gospel for the advancement of women. Later feminists have examined the roles that women play in the third Gospel and have concluded that it relegates women to silent, passive roles, and when women speak, they are corrected or not believed. This session will reveal the women at the tomb as faithful, persistent hearers and proclaimers of the Word, even as women fall silent in Luke's second volume, leaving us with an ambiguous message.

**Sr. Barbara E. Reid, OP, PhD**

*Sr. Barbara Reid, a Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Mich., is Vice President and Academic Dean as well as Professor of New Testament Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she has served since 1988. She is author of biblical works and presents approximately 25 speaking engagements a year throughout the United States, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Bolivia, Peru, Thailand and Guatemala. Sr. Reid's most recent book is entitled, "Wisdom's Feast: An Invitation to Feminist Interpretation of the Scriptures."*

**4-23 "MAY GOD LOVE YOU THROUGH ME"**

God alone can satisfy our deepest longing to love and be loved. And yet, Jesus allows the love of husband and wife to become an incarnate witness of his spousal fidelity in the sacrament of marriage. Join Danielle Rose as she shares how the journey of discernment and formation in the convent prepared her soul to discover and embrace the call to holiness in the vocation of marriage.

**Danielle Rose**

*At age 17, Danielle Rose traveled to India to volunteer with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. This experience gave her a desire to serve the poorest of the poor as a "music missionary." Her third album, "I Thirst," is a musical tribute to the life and work of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Since 2002, Rose has travelled the globe and is now blessed to be a sacrament with her husband, Mitchell, and their daughters, Agnes and Genevieve, in the "mamastery" of their Minnesota home.*

**IN 1964** the Anaheim City Council approved plans for construction of an “Arenatorium” and exhibit complex that included a 7,500-seat Arena, a 100,000-square-foot exhibit hall (Hall A) and 35,000 square feet of meeting space. Groundbreaking of the new Anaheim Convention Center took place on May 7, 1965. The \$14.7 million complex officially opened its doors on July 12, 1967. Since then, it has undergone seven expansions, or “betterments.”

## 4-24 COMING OUT OF EXILE: WELCOMING WHAT OUR SPIRIT IS MISSING

Joyce Rupp, OSM (bio 1-20)

As we grow into wholeness, we discover within ourselves aspects that need to be recognized, accepted and integrated into our life. How do we call home these vital qualities and unwanted aspects of self that have been lost, ignored, forgotten, forced away or rejected? As we discover these banished facets of ourselves and welcome them as sources for our inner growth, we cultivate an ability to be a catalyst for spiritual transformation and a transmitter of peace in our personal and ministerial life.

## 4-25 ANTI-FRAGILE FAITH

Rev. Michael Schmitz (bio 1-21)

Christian faith and Christian joy are more than mere feelings. Faith is confidence in the person and promises of God. Joy is the sense of well-being that is the fruit of something else. It is the fruit of a life lived in God. A life “lived in God” is eminently practical. If a person lives their anti-fragile faith in every environment, one can experience the joy that thrives in any environment

## 4-26 CALLED TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: THE MINISTRY OF THE CATECHIST

Dr. Joseph D. White (bio 2-25)

The vocation to catechesis is a call to be an intentional disciple in mission. In this session, led by a National Catechetical Consultant and author of 10 books on catechesis and ministry, participants will be invited to reflect on their call to be a catechist, essential components of the ministry of catechesis, and what it means to form ourselves – and others – to be missionary disciples of Jesus.

## 4-27 FREEDOM FROM USELESS FEAR

Fear is a normal response to a perceived threat. Family life today is under constant threats and we need effective coping skills to manage legitimate concerns and to eliminate useless worries. This session will focus on coping with interpersonal fears that interfere with our ability to grow in mutual love in our families. Dr. John Yzaguirre will also offer spiritual strategies to enjoy the fullness of a life lived free from fear: “If we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. ... Perfect love drives out fear” (1 Jn 4:12, 18).



Dr. John Yzaguirre

Dr. John Yzaguirre is a psychologist and author specializing in family life and Catholic spirituality. He co-directs the California Prosocial Institute with his wife, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT, MDiv, with whom he has co-authored “Thriving Marriages.” He has been a keynote speaker at conventions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Australia. In addition to his private practice in Irvine, Calif., Dr. Yzaguirre offers numerous marriage and family formation seminars at churches throughout the United States.

## 4-70 MÁI ẤM GIA ĐÌNH NGƯỜI VIỆT

Đôi lứa yêu nhau nào cũng mong muốn được sống hạnh phúc. Tuy nhiên trong đời sống hôn nhân, chúng ta thường gây đau khổ cho người phối ngẫu. Chúng ta sẽ sống hạnh phúc bên nhau nếu có Chúa trong đời sống. Buổi hội thảo sẽ cho thấy văn hoá Việt Nam có nguồn gốc sâu xa là Thiên Chúa. Qua việc khám phá kho tàng văn hoá quý báu của mình, hai vợ chồng sẽ có nền tảng vững chắc để sống đời sống lứa đôi hạnh phúc, từ đó xây dựng một mái ấm gia đình.

## THE VIETNAMESE COUPLE AND OUR FOUNDATION FOR HAPPINESS

In romantic relationships, we envision eternal bliss. However, in married life, we often make our spouse feel hurt. We can enjoy a happy life together if we have God in our lives. This workshop will show how the Vietnamese culture is deeply rooted in God. By discovering our own treasure, couples – both young and old – have a foundation to live a happy life together and to build a nest for their children.



Tiến Sĩ Quyên Di

Trước 1975, Giáo-sư Quyên-Di là Phụ-tá Giám-đốc Ban Tu-Thư, viện Đại-học Đà-Lạt. Hiện nay ông huấn-luyện giáo-chức dạy tiếng Việt trên toàn thế-giới. Phục-vụ trong Ủy-Ban Giáo-Lý Việt-Nam tại Hoa-Kỳ gần 30 năm nay. Ông dạy ngôn-ngữ, văn-chương và văn-hoá Việt-Nam tại UCLA và CSULB; dạy sư-phạm tại CSUF. Là giáo-sư thỉnh-giảng tại trường thần-học Oblate School of Theology. Ông cũng là linh-hướng và cố-vấn về gia-đình.

## Prof. Quyên-Di

Prior to 1975, Professor Quyên-Di served as Assistant Director for the Board of Textbook and Curriculum Preparation at Dalat University, Vietnam. He now trains Vietnamese-language teachers around the world, and has served on the Vietnamese American Catechetical Conference for nearly 30 years. He teaches Vietnamese language at the University of California, Los Angeles and at California State University, Long Beach. He is a visiting professor at Oblate School of Theology. He is a trained spiritual director and family counselor.





**5-01 ENCOUNTER: FROM THE HEART OF POPE FRANCIS ARENA**

By his words and actions, Pope Francis compels the global Church to a radically renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ. *Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis* animates this call in song, story, imagery, movement and prayer, inviting all to risk stepping toward Jesus in both the blessing and the bruising of daily life. On the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' election to the papacy, *Encounter* takes us to the front lines of God's field hospital, calling us to a revolution of tenderness in a world desperate for healing, wholeness and hope. (This is further developed in Session 7-03.)

**Tony Alonso, PhD**

*Dr. Tony Alonso is a prominent voice in contemporary liturgical music. His music is sung in churches of a variety of Christian denominations throughout the world. A former director of music, Alonso appears at workshops and conferences across North America and Europe and is a frequent and favorite presenter at the Religious Education Congress. He teaches at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, where he also serves as Director of Catholic Studies. His most recent works include "A House of Prayer."*

**Jeanne Cotter**

*Based in St. Paul, Minn., Jeanne Cotter is a liturgical composer, author, parish mission director and national speaker. Owner of Mythic Rain, she has presented parish missions, retreats, concerts and seminars throughout the United States. Cotter is a Master Teacher/Coordinator with the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and a team member for the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Her latest works include "Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis" and "Tender Hearted" with GIA Publications.*

**5-02 WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH: A 360-DEGREE REVIEW OF THE CATHOLIC LANDSCAPE****John Allen Jr. (bio 7-01)**

John Allen, a veteran observer of the Vatican and the global Catholic scene, will trace the major news headlines of the last year and tease out what they mean in terms of which personalities, movements and ideas in Catholicism seem to be gaining traction, and which seem to be falling by the wayside as the tides of history sweep on. He'll pay special attention to the Vatican and Pope Francis, but will also bring other key venues and major players into sharp focus.

**5-03 BRINGING THE SPIRIT AND MUSIC OF TAIZÉ TO YOUR COMMUNITY**

This session will explore the history and spirit of the Taizé community, its music and ecumenical call to reconciliation. Practical ideas and strategies for bringing this simple prayer form to your parish and local community will be discussed. Come prepared to sing the various song forms that make up the music of Taizé.

**David Anderson**

*David Anderson serves as Director of Music and organist at Ascension Church in Oak Park, Ill. In addition, he serves as Editor-at-Large for GIA Publications in Chicago. For the past 24 years, he has led and coordinated a monthly service in the spirit of Taizé. Anderson presents at various conferences throughout the year on topics of liturgy and music for the parish and frequently leads services and retreats.*

**5-04 VENTILATING THE WORLD WITH TENDERNESS: THE STRATEGY OF JESUS AT THE MARGINS****Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, SJ (bio 4-04)**

In this workshop, Fr. Greg Boyle will explore the strategy of Jesus that directs us to our ultimate goal of a community of kinship. Jesus models the truth: only the soul that ventilates the world with tenderness has any chance of changing the world. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus' tenderness defines his relationships with all whom he encounters, especially those at the margins of society. With Jesus, we imagine a circle of compassion – and then we imagine nobody standing outside that circle.

**5-05 LET'S GATHER! LET'S SING! ENRICHING CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS THROUGH SONG & MOVEMENT**

Music has always been at the heart of our Catholic prayer and celebration. It forms us and teaches the truths of our Catholic faith as it invites us to encounter the Living God. In this workshop, John Burland, internationally celebrated composer and educator, will share a variety of songs connected to engaging activities that encompass movement and prayerful gesture. These strategies address the varying learning styles of our children. They help children learn the core beliefs of our faith as they move deeper into understanding God's love for them. Join us as we joyfully proclaim and celebrate the great mysteries of our faith.

**John Burland**

*John Burland has written and recorded over 250 songs and published 14 music collections internationally. He is the Education Officer for Liturgy and Music for the Sydney Catholic Schools in Australia, and National Music Consultant for Bayard, Inc. During his extensive career, Burland has worked in a variety of roles in school and parish communities. He is a regular speaker at conferences and gatherings across Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and North America.*

**IN 1956** the first CCD Institute was held at Mount Carmel High School on Hoover Street in Los Angeles, with some 500 teachers and catechists in attendance. The next year the institute moved to Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School and saw attendance double in size. In subsequent years (1958-1966), attendance continued to increase at Loyola University; and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College.

## 5-06 ACCOMPANIMENT: SHARING FAITH WITH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES 🗣️

The Emmaus journey provides a model for evangelization and catechesis of children, youth and adults. We accompany those who are searching; we listen; we walk with them in their questions; we lead them to encounter Christ; and we empower them for mission and witness! This workshop will explore the art and process of relational ministry by naming points for conversation, shared experiences and the building of covenant relationships.



**Tom East**

*Based in Gig Harbor, Wash., Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development (CMD). He previously served as Director of Youth Ministry and as Associate Director of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. East is a popular speaker at youth ministry and religious education conferences and has presented at many national conferences including the L.A. Congress, the National Catholic Education Association, the National Conference of Catechetical Leaders and CMD-sponsored conferences.*

## 5-07 PAYING ATTENTION TO MARY'S VOICE IN MY MARTHA WORLD 🗣️

Could you set your stress aside for an hour and feed your soul? In the midst of your overly busy life (and hectic conference!), where there is always so very much to do, regain some balance. This inspirational talk and Scripture re-enactment helps you sit at the feet of Jesus so you can keep life, prayer and duties in perspective. Don't worry – you won't leave your Martha behind, nor should you. But perhaps you can remember to choose Mary's "better portion" while still doing all your Martha things.



**Amy Florian**

*Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant and CEO of Corgenius Inc., a company that teaches professionals how to support clients in transition and loss. She has 30 years of parish and conference experience, taught in the graduate ministry department of Loyola University Chicago for 10 years, and authored over 100 articles and four books. Florian travels the country presenting workshops, training sessions and retreats.*

## 5-08 PRIESTHOOD: MINISTERIAL & BAPTISMAL 🗣️

**Dr. Richard Gaillardetz (bio 3-13)**

One of the most significant yet overlooked contributions of the Second Vatican Council was its teaching on both the ministerial (ordained) priesthood and the baptismal (common) priesthood. A failure to properly grasp this teaching and the way these two "priesthoods" relate to one another can lead to either clericalism or anti-clericalism. This workshop will offer a theology of priesthood that can avoid these two dangers.

## 5-09 WALKING THE PATH OF FAITH: POWER, PROVIDENCE, PRESENCE OF GOD 🗣️

We all are on a journey of faith. In this session, we will stroll down the footpath of God's power within us, lean on the walking staff of God's gentle providence, and enjoy the flora of the Divine Presence ever among us.



**Sr. Bridget Haase, OSU**

*Ursuline Sr. Bridget Haase, a former missionary to Africa, Appalachia and Mexico, is a national speaker and author of three books, a contributor to the Catholic devotional "Living Faith," a radio co-host and frequent guest on the Relevant Radio Network. Sr. Haase leads parish missions, retreats and days of prayer across the United States and is recipient of several honors. She also ministers as "Sister Storyteller" to 3- and 4-year-old children.*

## 5-10 THE PRAYER OF CHAOS 🗣️

**Sarah Hart (bio 2-13)**

The laundry is overflowing. The children are crying over their homework. You are giving a PowerPoint presentation at church tomorrow morning and you haven't started creating it yet. And it's midnight. Oh look! The cat just threw up on the rug. How is this holiness? With Sarah Hart's trademark humor, singing and storytelling, come discover how even the insanity of the lives we lead can be a beautiful prayer, received by a God who sees and hears beyond our chaos, and loves us, and gets it.

## 5-11 RISE UP FROM DIVISIONS, ANGER AND LOSS: WORSHIP IN DIFFICULT TIMES

When things fall apart – in our personal lives, between loved ones, in our communities, in our institutions, between nations – how do communities of faith respond? How do we work together with God's Spirit to heal, to reconcile, to comfort and challenge, to give hope? Let's explore together the importance of our ministry as baptized Christians in difficult times, looking especially at the role of our sacramental worship in helping to rise up anew.



**Marty Haugen**

*For nearly 40 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. His music appears in hymnals for the United States, Canadian and Australian Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and other Protestant denominations. His latest works are "The Liturgical Ensemble" and "Pilgrims and Companions." Marty and his wife, Linda, live in Minnesota.*

## 5-12 RISE UP: A CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY OF RESISTANCE 🗣️

**Rev. Daniel P. Horan, OFM (bio 2-14)**

In an age when Gospel values conflict with many social norms, cultural expectations and political agendas, Christians are called to put their faith into action. But how? This workshop will explore what it means to be



a faithful follower of Christ in the modern world. Pope Francis has called for Christians to engage in a variety of civic and social actions in a spirit of Christian love (*Laudato Si*, #232). And so, we take up that call, looking to examples of Christian witness (e.g., early martyrs, Thomas Merton, Archbishop Oscar Romero, and others) for models of forming a Christian spirituality of resistance that grounds our lived experience of faith.

### 5-13 MINDING THE GAP: MINISTRY AND TRANSITION FROM YOUTH TO YOUNG ADULTHOOD ☪

The transition experiences of young people as they move from youth to young adulthood (and within the teen and young adult years) are critical moments for leaders in the Church to pay attention to, as they are key opportunities for pastoral accompaniment, as well as times of great disillusion, excitement, anxiety and detachment from the practice of the faith. This session will help us explore ways to rise up to the challenge of ministering at these key moments in a young person's life, integrating the latest insights and efforts of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in this area.



**Paul Jarzembowski**

Paul Jarzembowski is Assistant Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth and is the National Coordinator for World Youth Day for the United States. He previously served as Executive Director of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association. Jarzembowski has consulted with and given presentations to over 250 dioceses, parishes and Catholic organizations in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and at the Vatican.

### 5-14 YOU (YES, YOU) WERE MADE TO RISE! ☪

**Fr. Joe Kempf (bio 3-17)**

Often life is difficult. Often life is funny. But God *always* wants for each of us a meaningful life of deep peace and great joy! Whatever our life situations, we do *not* need to get discouraged, become crabby or lose our joy, even if others around us do so. How do we find for ourselves – and for the children entrusted to our care – what we need to help us “rise” in our regular, daily living? This session promises to be insightful, hopeful, practical and funny. Through stories, teachings, Scripture and demonstrations, Fr. Joe Kempf will inspire you, make you laugh, and equip you in new ways to rise up and become more alive than when you first walked through the door.

### 5-15 WHAT'S THE HURRY WITH CONVERSION? ☪

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is not about offering “in and out food.” The process does not encourage us to rush through any preparation with the participants so they can celebrate a rite. The intention of the Rite of Initiation is to facilitate others – adults, youth and children – seeking to belong to the Church toward a strong formation of faith. Are we giving them enough time to do so? Can we do better?



**Blessie La Scola**

Blessie La Scola has been active in the areas of catechesis, sacramental preparation and faith formation. She served as Master Catechist for the Diocese of San Jose for over 25 years and has been on staff for 23 years at Holy Family Parish in San Jose, Calif. She offers training and in-services and has mentored lay leaders in implementing or developing the RCIA process in their parish. She is author of several titles, including “RCIA and You” and “Children of the Light: Pre-catechumenate Sessions for Children and Families.”

### 5-16 RISE AND SHINE! TIME TO EXERCISE OUR BAPTISMAL PRIESTHOOD ☪

If you're a woman or a lay man, how can you possibly exercise a priestly office? Is ordination the only path to real leadership and ministry in the church? Through Scripture, storytelling and song, in hard data and even harder questions that seek complex but hopeful answers, let us examine how women and men can reclaim the dignity of their baptismal priesthood. It's time to rise up to the challenge of our baptism and take our rightful place at the table so that all the faithful might offer spiritual sacrifices and witness to Christ throughout the world.



**Diana Macalintal**

Diana Macalintal is a presenter and speaker, and co-founder of Team RCIA. She has been keynote at several gatherings, including the Mid-Atlantic Congress and the Collegeville Conference on Music, Liturgy and the Arts, in addition to her appearances at the L.A. Congress as prayer leader. A former Director of Worship for the Diocese of San Jose, Calif., Macalintal is author of several publications including “Your Parish IS the Curriculum: RCIA in the Midst of the Community” and the liturgical year resource, “Living Liturgy.”

### 5-17 TERRIFIC CONFIRMATION TUESDAY, BUT WHAT DO WE HAVE FOR THEM ON WEDNESDAY? POST-SACRAMENT EVANGELIZATION ☪

Our pre-sacrament preparation is extremely good in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and elsewhere. But do we have any type of post-sacrament follow-through in our parish programs? Maybe we need two teams for the sacraments: Team A prepares them for the sacrament; and Team B works with them to integrate them more fully into the full life of the parish community. Then, just maybe, first communion is not also the “last communion” for many years to come.



**Cardinal Roger M. Mahony**

Cardinal Roger Mahony was appointed to lead the Los Angeles Archdiocese from 1985 until his retirement in 2011. Born in Hollywood, he was the first native “Angelino” to be elevated to the position of Cardinal. Cardinal Mahony oversaw the design and building of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, which was dedicated in 2002. Since his retirement, he has devoted himself to the cause of comprehensive immigration reform on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters, as well as refugees and displaced persons around the world.

## 5-18 BUILDING A BRIDGE: BRINGING TOGETHER LGBT CATHOLICS AND THE CHURCH 🎧

How can we bridge the divide that exists between lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Catholics and the institutional Church? In this session, Fr. James Martin, author of a new book on LGBT Catholics, will reflect on how the values of “respect, compassion and sensitivity” can help bring about a revolution of welcome, inclusion and love.



**James Martin, SJ**

*Jesuit priest Fr. James Martin is Editor at Large of the Catholic magazine, America. He is author of numerous award-winning books including, most recently, “Building a Bridge” and “Seven Last Words” in addition to “The Abbey,” “Together on Retreat,” “Between Heaven and Mirth,” “The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything” and “My Life with the Saints.” Fr. Martin is a frequent speaker at national conferences, retreats and parish groups and has given presentations at the L.A. Congress for the past several years.*

## 5-19 FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING IN PASTORAL MINISTRY: THE PAIN AND THE BLESSING! 🎧

What could be better than working for God! Yet, ministry is challenging. This workshop will identify the pressures and issues that can be overwhelming and offer practical approaches to dealing with expectations, conflict and communication. We will also offer a “thriving kit” to maintain our sanity and sanctity!



**Robert J. McCarty, DMin**

*Bob McCarty is a pastoral ministry consultant and trainer who has been in professional ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, diocesan and national settings. He presently serves as Chair of the Board at Saint Mary's Press and is Project Coordinator for their research on disaffiliated young Catholics. McCarty serves as a volunteer in youth ministry and faith formation at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md., and his hobbies include cycling, rock climbing and grandparenting!*

## 5-20 TEACHING LIKE JESUS: BEFORE THE CATECHISM 🎧

**Rev. J. Patrick Mullen (bio 3-21)**

The biblical Jesus was a master teacher, responding to people's real questions and illuminating his points with arresting metaphors of vine and shepherds, and amazingly pertinent stories of growing plants, sprouting seeds, wayward offspring, foolish brides and wicked employees. This workshop will take a biblical look at Jesus' teaching strategies and will offer how we might apply Jesus' successful methods today, for every age.

## 5-21 INTERCULTURAL APPROACHES TO CATECHESIS: CONSIDERATIONS AND STRATEGIES 🎧

Is your parish bilingual, multilingual or multicultural? Are you trying to figure out how to best share the faith with people who speak several languages and have different cultural perspectives? Welcome to catechetical ministry in the 21st century. More than 40 percent of parishes in the country are asking these questions. There is no such a thing as a one-size-fits-all approach to matters of cultural diversity in catechesis, yet we can ask the right questions, make important decisions and embrace some good practices. This workshop will offer important resources for a stronger and more vibrant catechesis in culturally diverse communities.



**Hosffman Ospino, PhD**

*Dr. Hosffman Ospino is Professor of Pastoral Theology and Religious Education at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, where he is also Director of Graduate Programs in Hispanic Ministry. He served as principal investigator for the National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry (2014) and as co-principal investigator for the National Survey of Catholic Schools Serving Hispanic Families (2016). Dr. Ospino is author and editor of several books. His latest book is entitled “Interculturalism and Catechesis.”*

## 5-22 FAMILY MATTERS: FAMILY AND FAITH DYNAMICS WITH YOUTH MINISTRY 🎧

All of the research is clear: A teen's faith is impacted directly by the faith of their parents. Being a faith leader in a family is not easy, but it is simple. It requires prayer, time and leading by example. This workshop will specifically focus on how parish youth ministry can help support and cheer on parents in this incredibly important role.



**Bob Perron**

*Bob Perron is Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.Va. For over a decade he has presented his stand-up and storytelling at over 100 parishes and dioceses across the United States and Canada. Perron has been a frequent presenter at the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, and at Youth Day. His most recent book is entitled “Lessons Learned From a God-Sized Family: In a Me-Sized World.”*

## 5-23 FREEDOM OF RELIGION UNDER ATTACK AROUND THE WORLD

**Rev. Thomas J. Reese, SJ (bio 2-19)**

Fr. Thomas Reese, the recent Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom – an independent, bipartisan U.S. federal government commission dedicated to defending the universal right to freedom of religion or belief abroad – will describe the precarious plight of believers around the world.



**5-24 TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA: A PRIMARY MEANS FOR EVANGELIZATION** 🎧

You are not a digital native. And contrary to popular belief, neither are Millennials nor Generation Z. I've never met a baby that was born with a cell phone in its hands. We have all learned to use technology. And if we are to be successful evangelizing in today's culture, technology and social media usage must be a primary tool for sharing the Gospel. How? Come and find out.

**John M. Rinaldo, DMin**

*As Business Manager at St. Catherine Church in Morgan Hill, Calif., Dr. John Rinaldo serves as administrator over operations and finances for the parish in support of all parish ministries. Previously, he served as Director of Parish Partnerships for Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County and as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of San Jose, Calif. Dr. Rinaldo is also an Adjunct Professor at Santa Clara University, teaching pastoral ministry courses to graduate students.*

**5-25 BUILDING A LASTING FIRE: DEVELOPING DISCIPLES IN YOUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM** 🎧

A fire will die out or a circuit will short when it has reached maximum overload. We as a Church have reached what Pope Francis calls "a diagnostic overload" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, #50). This overload, caused by a flurry of activity coupled with dwindling personnel and financial resources can smother the fire of parish life, particularly in religious education. How do we move from a more administrative model of ministry to an evangelical missionary model in religious education? This workshop will outline a number of practical ideas and the essentials for building the fire of religious education.

**Julianne Stanz**

*Julianne Stanz is Director of New Evangelization for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and is a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. Born in Ireland, Stanz is a nationally known speaker, retreat leader and storyteller. She has extensive workshop, retreat and presentation experience both locally and nationally and is author of several articles and books, including the upcoming title, "Understanding the Critical Relationship between Catechesis and Evangelization."*

**5-26 LEADERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS A JOB FOR ALL OF US** 🎧**Char Wenc, MEd, LCPC (bio 1-27)**

This session will guide us to improve our skills of leadership through a higher awareness of interpersonal relationships and the communication skills that empower it. Our life is filled with many opportunities to touch the lives of others in a respectful Christian manner. WE are the "Human Resources Department" of our Catholic faith! Come learn the life skills that will enable us to shine in our personal and professional lives.

**5-27 HEALING TAKES TIME, GRACE AND COMMUNITY** 🎧

Alcoholism, addiction and self-destructive behaviors cause chaos, personal ruin, despair and hopelessness. The 12 Steps of Recovery help people to come back to life and heal relationships, lives and communities. This session will focus on the practical and simple program of recovery based on the 12 Steps, and the wisdom of the recovery community.

**Fr. Thomas C. Weston, SJ**

*Fr. Tom Weston has been working with alcoholics and addicts since 1976. The Jesuit priest is a leader of retreats for people in recovery from addiction and serves as Superior of the Jesuit Community of Oakland, Calif. Fr. Weston has spoken at conferences for over 30 years. His world travels served him in past rolls as an English teacher to young adults and teachers in the People's Republic of China, Thailand, Vietnam and Myanmar; as Director of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps; and as history teacher at Loyola High School in Los Angeles.*

**5-70 ĐGH PHANXICÔ: MỘT GIẢNG VIÊN GIÁO LÝ THỜI ĐẠI** 🎧**Linh mục Nguyễn Khắc Hy, PSS (tiểu sử 2-70)**

Dù chỉ hơn 4 năm đăng quang, ĐGH Phanxicô đã chiếm được lòng không chỉ kitô hữu mà còn toàn dân trên thế giới, và khiến thế giới đi từ ngạc nhiên này đến ngạc nhiên khác. Nhiều người xem Ngài là gương mẫu cho một giảng viên giáo lý thời đại này qua con người và cung cách Ngài làm việc. Chúng ta học hỏi được gì ở Ngài? Đây là những tiêu chuẩn giá trị cần thiết cho một giáo lý viên ngày nay?

**POPE FRANCIS: A MODERN CATECHIST** 🎧**Rev. Hy K. Nguyen, PSS (bio 2-70)**

With a little more than four years in office, Pope Francis has earned the respect and love of not only Catholics but people all over the world. His words, writings and actions have without doubt triggered wonder and curiosity. Many see him as an example of a modern catechist through his life and works. How can we, as catechists, learn from him? What are the essential criteria for a modern catechist?

**IN 1983****Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson**

became Director of the Office of Religious Education in 1983. On his staff was **Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC**, who served as Consultant for Youth Ministry and would become the first woman Associate Director for the Office of Religious Education.



In 1985, Msgr. Torgerson hired Adrian Whitaker as the full-time coordinator for the event. Whitaker went on to serve as Congress Coordinator for 18 years and retired after Congress 2003.



## 6-01 WAYS OF NEW EVANGELIZATION IN ASIA

The call of the New Evangelization is heard with particular attention in Asia. With poverty, conflicts, disasters and displacement of people reaching disturbing levels, come learn how the Church in Asia is exploring new expressions and methods of evangelization.



**Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle**

In 2012, Cardinal Luis Tagle was installed as the 32nd Archbishop of Manila, Philippines, by Pope Benedict XVI. He formerly served as Rector at Our Lady of the Pillar Seminary in Imus, Cavite, Philippines, and as an instructor of theology and a spiritual director. Cardinal Tagle has made numerous presentations at conferences worldwide. He has served as a member on several commissions, appointed by various Popes and recently was named as one of the Synod Fathers for the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization.

## 6-02 MISSIONARY DISCIPLES IN THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

Our essential mission is evangelization. We are always invited to share the love and presence of Jesus. "The New Evangelization calls for personal involvement of each of the baptized. ... We are missionary disciples," proclaims Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). This workshop introduces a renewed understanding of Catholic evangelization.



**Andres Arango**

Andres Arango is the Bishop's Delegate for Hispanic Ministry and Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Camden, N.J. He also serves as Vice President of the Latin-American Catholic Charismatic Committee. Arango is a consultant to the Subcommittee on Hispanics Affairs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Councilor Member of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services, based in the Vatican.

## 6-03 THE PEOPLE OF GOD LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

More than 35 years after the first cases of AIDS, we continue to be called to "Rise Up!" and reach out to those infected with and affected by HIV. Join Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen and Fr. Chris Ponnet to explore the newly updated resource for education and pastoral care entitled "The People of God Living with HIV/AIDS," from the Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Become acquainted with Church statements, guidelines for pastoral ministry, presentations, retreats and liturgies, and the latest general information about HIV/AIDS and how to access these resources.



**Elizabeth Crabb Breen, PhD**

Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen is an immunologist with more than 25 years' experience in HIV/AIDS research at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she is Associate Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine. Dr. Breen has also served the Los Angeles Archdiocese AIDS Education Task Force/Human Sexuality Committee since 1989. She continues to speak frequently about the immune system, HIV infection and AIDS.



**Fr. Chris Ponnet**

Los Angeles-native Fr. Chris Ponnet was ordained for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1983, at the height of the AIDS pandemic. Since then, he has served as Director for the Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry and acts as Spiritual Director for the Catholic Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Persons. He is also Pastor and Chaplain at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. For years, Fr. Ponnet has been working with Pax Christi and in anti-death penalty work.

## 6-04 PRESENTING AN EVANGELIZING CATECHESIS: WHAT WOULD THAT LOOK LIKE?

Evangelization and catechesis are two parts of a very important way of presenting the Christian faith. Our panel of presenters, led by Fr. Jim Clarke, will discuss practical ways and means of merging these two separate functions of evangelization and catechesis to assist parishes. Come and join the conversation!



**Fr. James Clarke, PhD**

Fr. Jim Clarke is Director of New Evangelization for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He is also an Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles and a previous Director of Spiritual Formation at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. Fr. Clarke has over 30 years of facilitating retreats and parish missions and has presented at the SCRC Conference, the L.A. Congress and the Regional Congresses.



**Jared Dees**

Jared Dees is creator of the website *The Religion Teacher*, which provides resources for religious educators. He is also author of "Praying the Angelus," "31 Days to Becoming a Better Religious Educator" and "To Heal, Proclaim, and Teach." With a background of teaching in Catholic schools, Dees has been a catechist for the past eight years and has offered workshops and keynote addresses at dozens of dioceses and parishes across the country.



**Sherry A. Weddell**

Based in Colorado, Sherry Weddell is co-founder and Executive Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute, which helps develop parish-centered evangelization. She and her team have worked directly with over 500 parishes and 175 dioceses presenting at diocesan, regional and national conferences across North America, Europe, Asia and Oceania. Weddell is also author of "Forming Intentional Disciples" and "Fruitful Discipleship."



**Fr. Michael White**

Fr. Michael White previously served as Priest-Secretary to Baltimore Cardinal William Keeler and as Vice-Chancellor for the Baltimore Archdiocese. He is presently Pastor at the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Md., where during his tenure as pastor, weekend attendance tripled from 1,400 to over 4,000! Fr. White is co-author with Tom Corcoran of the recent publication, "Rebuilt," along with a companion field guide, which narrates that parish story.



**6-05 THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: WHY IS IT SO DIFFERENT?** 🎧

Fr. William L. Burton, OFM (bio 2-06)

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are so similar to each other and so unlike the Gospel of John that they are called “the synoptic Gospels.” How is it that this fourth Gospel is so unlike the other three? What happened to make John so different? In this session, we will look at the formation of this Gospel and particularly at the community from which it emerged. The great biblical scholar Fr. Raymond Brown and others have shown that understanding the unique nature of the community behind this Gospel helps us to see how it formed in such a unique way and how it became so different than the Synoptics.

**6-06 YOUTH, FAITH & VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT: WHAT WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT FOR THE UPCOMING VATICAN SYNOD** 🎧

Leonard J. DeLorenzo, PhD (bio 3-08)

The upcoming October 2018 Synod of Bishops is dedicated to “young people, faith and vocational discernment.” In anticipation of the synod, we will assess the formative influences on young people today, the end to which the Church’s evangelization and formation efforts are ordered, and the possibilities for renewing the Church’s mission in forming young people for vocational discernment in the present age, with special attention given to family life. In the end, we will ask the question: “How do we create cultures in which it is easier for young people to be Catholic?”

**6-07 BULLYING OUT – FORMATION IN** 🎧

Frank A. DiLallo (bio 3-10)

Why does it seem that bullying is in and formation is out? Catholic formation seems impossible at times with the myriad of bullying behaviors, violence and negativity in our world. How do we effectively teach youth that bullying is unacceptable without shame or blame? How do we help youth make a deeper connection with the virtuous behaviors of Jesus we know from Scripture? This interactive session will demonstrate how to effectively make a connection with select Scriptures to reduce the harm of bullying behaviors.

**6-08 THE TRUE SELF: ENCOUNTERING OUR INNER DEPTH** 🎧

Sr. Barbara Fiand, SND de N (bio 2-09)

“Know thyself” is a plea that has stirred human questing ever since, it is claimed, Socrates challenged his followers to do so thousands of years ago. But what is our “true self,” and how can we approach it and embrace it in our time – with the insights that have been given us, especially in the area of holistic spirituality? In this session, we will reflect on the depth dimension of our life that calls us to move beyond daily concerns that so often

totally absorb us, both as a culture and as individuals. We want to reflect on what it is that challenges us as human beings truly to come home to who we are.

**6-09 DISCERNING GOD’S WILL** 🎧

Fr. Rob Galea (bio 1-08)

God knows what fulfills our hearts. He has a plan and a will for our lives. What if we could discover that plan and find the strength to fulfill it? Fr. Rob Galea will offer some practical tips and teachings on how to discover God’s will for your life and how to keep in step on that path. Fr. Rob will share a few songs and stories too.

**6-10 MINISTRY THROUGH VOCATION** 🎧

“I’ll be right back, honey, I just need to do one quick thing at church.” Does this sound familiar? Do you have a hard time finding the right balance between your vocation and your ministry? Then this workshop is for you! Noelle Garcia and David McHugh will share the hilarious, heartbreaking and ultimately faith-filled struggles of learning practical ways to balance ministry and family life: Leftover pizza is key.

**Noelle Garcia**

Noelle Garcia is a national speaker, singer, performer and recording artist with World Library Publications. She travels around the country speaking at parishes and conferences, leading music ministry and sharing faith at events including World Youth Day 2008, the National Catholic Youth Conference, the L.A. Congress and has appeared on CNN’s “Latino in America” documentary and EWTN’s “Life on the Rock.” She is the wife of fellow musician and youth minister, David McHugh, and resides in Dodge City, Kan.

**David McHugh III**

David McHugh is Coordinator of Youth Ministry at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City, Kan. He is an accomplished musician and inventor of “Percoustix,” a drum trigger for guitars that he uses in ministry to lead worship. McHugh has been leading youth and music ministry for 14 years. He is a presenter at youth events at his home parish and travels nationally presenting at conferences at parish and diocesan events as well as assisting his wife, Noelle. Together they have a music CD, “Wonderfully Made.”

**6-11 “I WILL BRING YOU HOME”: SONGS OF PRAYER, STORIES OF FAITH**

We all have our favorite liturgical songs, which are truly song-prayers of faith that nurture not only our liturgical rituals, but our ongoing spiritual life as well. Behind the beauty and prayer of such songs of faith are the stories that have brought them to life and sustained their power in forming us in the midst of our spiritual walk. Come and sing, pray, hear and share in the stories that have brought many such song-prayers to life, and discover fresh ways to deepen the spiritual journey that accompanies them.



**David Haas**

*David Haas is an international conference speaker, workshop and retreat leader and concert performer. He serves as Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry, as well as Animator for Cretin-Derham Hall Taizé Prayer Community in St. Paul, Minn. Haas is also founder and Executive Director of "Music and Ministry Alive!" – a formation program for high school and college-age youth. Haas has composed and produced over 50 collections of original liturgical music and authored more than 35 books.*

## 6-12 RISE AND SHINE: SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE MISSIONARY DISCIPLE

In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis teaches us that "we are all missionary disciples" and that "each of us should find ways to communicate with Jesus wherever we are." In this session, we'll examine effective and emerging social media tools and techniques to joyfully communicate the Gospel. Additionally, we will examine the challenge of moving beyond mere "documentation" in our work as social media evangelists and examine Christ's true Gospel commission in the context of our diverse and challenging mission territories.



**Lisa M. Hendey**

*Lisa Hendey is founder and Editor of CatholicMom.com, Editor at Large for Ave Maria Press, and best-selling author of "The Grace of Yes" and "Chime Travelers." She is a frequent radio and television correspondent and speaks internationally. Hendey has traveled worldwide with Catholic Relief Services and Unbound, sharing the work of these non-profit agencies. Her most recent book is entitled, "The Grace of Yes: Eight Virtues for Generous Living."*

## 6-13 RELATIONSHIPS RUPTURED & RESTORED: NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of reconciliation is often approached by penitents and confessors alike from the perspective of sinful acts – "breaking the commandments," "doing what is wrong," "missing the mark." While these definitions are not inaccurate, the account of the first sin in Genesis defines sin more broadly. Using the story of the original sin, Fr. Satish Joseph reflects on sin and reconciliation from the perspective of relationships. Soon to be published in a book, this reflection is sure to help inject new meaning and will transform the way in which we approach this sacrament of mercy. The session is designed for catechists, educators, confessors and penitents alike.



**Fr. Satish Antony Joseph**

*Ordained in India, Fr. Satish Joseph has served the Cincinnati Archdiocese for over 16 years. He serves as Pastor at both Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and at St. Helen in Dayton, Ohio. In addition, Fr. Joseph organizes parish retreats and parish missions, facilitates retreats for archdiocesan staff, and leads professional development days for Catholic school staff. He is also founder of *Ite Missa Est Ministries*, which offers adult faith-formation programs.*

## 6-14 ACCOMPANYING YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE JOURNEY

How is God calling you to serve today? It's when we listen to the call that we find clarity, joy and gratitude. Part of discerning God's call is fully understanding how to work toward fostering missionary disciples, and that entails leaving ourselves behind to truly listen, grow in faithfulness and trust where God is calling us to be present, to serve and to witness. Let us walk away with the desire to begin each day by asking, "What am I being called to do today?" and invite young people to do the same.



**Christina Lamas**

*Christina Lamas made her way into the field of youth ministry after 10 years of volunteering at her home parish. She held the positions as Associate Director and Division Coordinator of Youth Ministry within the Office of Religious Education for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Lamas has presented to regional, national and international audiences. With over 20 years of experience in catechesis and youth ministry, she now serves as the Executive Director of the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry, based in Washington, D.C.*

## 6-15 SYNOD 2018: WILL OUR FAITH HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE?

**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ (bio 3-18)**

In October 2018, Pope Francis will lead us in reflecting on the faith and the future of young people in the Church. The preparatory document – "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment" – describes its purpose as an opportunity for the Church "to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognize and accept the call to the fullness of life and love, and to ask young people to help her in identifying the most effective way to announce the Good News today." In preparing for this upcoming synod, this session will probe whether our young people (ages 16-29) have the faith they need to discern God's plan for their lives.

## 6-16 BECOMING A TRANSFORMING PRESENCE

**Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, PhD (bio 1-14)**

In our chaotic and challenging world, we are called more than ever to be a transforming presence – to live with an attitude of discovery and close the gap between what we are learning and how we live. As we move toward a self that is intimately intertwined with others and with all of creation, the discipline of contemplation is essential. Contemplation – walking with God as we take a long, loving look at our reality – supports a flexible shaping and integration of prayer, reflection and dialogue. Forging a contemplative heart will help us to attend to the challenges and opportunities of our time by discovering a new consciousness, a new way of being.



**6-17 BE THE “I” IN EVANGELIZE** 🔊**Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM (bio 3-20)**

Catechists and Catholic schoolteachers: Embrace your mission! Be an intentional, invitational and inspirational agent of evangelization to your students. In this session, Sr. Patricia McCormack will unpack these terms and offer practical, easy-to-replicate ideas.

**6-18 SEXUALITY: CELEBRATE THE GIFT AND BECOME MAKERS OF LOVE** 🔊

We have all been living through a rough and tragic and lamentable era with respect to Catholics and sexuality – what with scandals, cover-ups, lawsuits, shame, pain and victims. In the hope of redeeming our relationship with sexuality, both personally and corporately, perhaps we need to return to the basics: Sexuality is a mystery. It is a gift. When we participate in the mystery of sexuality, we become Makers of Life and Love! Appreciating, celebrating and participating in the mystery of sexuality is quintessentially Catholic – for everybody!

**Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**

A self-described street theologian, Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson is Resident Theologian and Animator of Faith at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago and founder and Animating and Creative Partner of Soul Play, based in Evanston, Ill. Author and leader of the Beloved Retreat, Dr. Nelson-Johnson travels across the country and to Europe presenting at diocesan events and conferences, including Notre Dame University's Vision program and the Chicago Archdiocese's Festival of Faith and their Theology on Tap program.

**6-19 LEGAL AND FREE: MEDIA-SMART YOUTH MINISTERS** 🔊

This lively presentation will cover: 1) how to be a media mindful youth minister; and 2) copyright and fair use issues of media in youth ministry. Media literacy education specialist Sr. Rose Pacatte will share resources for you to engage in youth ministry using media while respecting legal use and copyright boundaries.

**Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP**

Sr. Rose Pacatte, a Daughter of St. Paul, is an author, a film and television critic, and an online facilitator for the University of Dayton's catechetical Virtual Learning Community. She currently serves as Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Culver City, Calif. Sr. Pacatte's latest book is entitled “Corita Kent: Gentle Revolutionary of the Heart.” Recently, she traveled to the Vicariate of Southern Arabia as keynote speaker and seminar presenter at sessions in Muscat, Oman, and in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

**6-20 RISE UP: FROM LIVING BY GOODWILL AND DOGGED WILLPOWER TO DRAWING ON THE RESURRECTION AND GRACE** 🔊**Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI (bio 1-01)**

We naively think that we can raise ourselves and sustain ourselves through goodwill and willpower alone.

But even Jesus didn't raise himself from the dead; the Father had to raise him up. We cannot raise ourselves up all on our own, only God, grace and community can provide us with the sustenance and strength we need to live Christian lives with warmth, happiness, graciousness, nobility of soul and joy. How do we move from living by willpower to living by grace?

**6-21 DARE TO DISCIPLE** 🔊

In working with thriving parishes across the nation, Bill Simon and his team at Parish Catalyst believe that discipleship development of parishioners and outreach to the unchurched are critical markers for long-term parish vitality. In order for a parish community to develop a disciple-making mindset, a cultural shift must take place in the whole parish. That cultural shift begins with the pastor, the staff and key volunteers. In this workshop, Bill will offer ideas and practices developed and used by parishes that have participated in Parish Catalyst Learning Communities as well as ideas that emerged from research for his latest book, “Great Catholic Parishes.”

**William E. Simon Jr.**

Catholic author, businessman, lawyer, gubernatorial candidate and philanthropist, Bill Simon has spearheaded a variety of faith-based initiatives. He is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles in the School of Law and Department of Economics and was a Senior Fellow in their School of Public Policy. In 2012, he founded the non-profit, Parish Catalyst. The results of their research is gathered in a new book, “Great Catholic Parishes: How Four Essential Practices Make Them Thrive.”

**6-22 ZYDECO THEOLOGY AND THE GUMBO BIBLE** 🔊**Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher (bio 2-21)**

Louisiana is known for so many fascinating things: jazz, Native-American traditions, Cajuns, Creoles and ... gumbo? Yes, gumbo – made from all kinds of ingredients from all kinds of places. Like zydeco music – a blend of traditions. So what would “zydeco biblical theology” look like? Did the ancient Israelites make “gumbo theology” by blending ideas from peoples around them? Spoiler alert: Yes, they did. What might that teach us? Come explore a “zydeco” reading of the Old Testament as we continue our journeys in music and the Bible!

**6-23 A CHURCH WHICH “GOES FORTH”: FINDING THE RESURRECTED CHRIST IN OUR MIDST** 🔊

“Go forth and make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19-20): The church which “goes forth” is a community of missionary disciples. In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis writes that he dreams of a missionary option that is capable of transforming everything. When Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, she did not recognize Jesus. Was this because he did not fit into her expectations? Mary had to let go of knowing and loving Jesus in one way in order to know and love him in another. This

enabled Mary to rise ... go forth ... and tell the other disciples about the Easter event. Like Mary, we too need to discover a new way of being missionary disciples.



**Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD**

*Since 1989 Sr. Maureen Sullivan, a Dominican Sister of Hope from New York, has taught theology and now serves as Professor Emerita at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire. She is also a religion consultant for the William H. Sadlier Publishing Company. Sr. Sullivan has written two books on Vatican II: "101 Questions and Answers on Vatican II" and "The Road to Vatican II: Key Changes in Theology." She remains a popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.*

## 6-24 RCIA THAT WORKS! 🎧

**Nick Wagner (bio 1-26)**

Do RCIA right! Create compelling catechesis in your Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Remove roadblocks. Build your confidence. Turn seekers into lifelong disciples. Crush the "50 percent don't return" myth. Invoke the "missionary option" that transforms everything! And accomplish all this with the gifts and talents you already have.

## 6-25 SONGS OF JOY AND HOPE FOR CHILDREN 🎧

**James Wahl (bio 2-22)**

We pass our faith from one generation to another through stories and songs of joy and hope. Bring your inner child and share your joy as we explore songs and strategies that affirm young children in their baptismal call, forming practices that encourage full, conscious and active participation. This is a workshop designed for those who teach young children – and for the young at heart as well!

## 6-26 DISCERN OR DECIDE: HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE KNOW THE DIFFERENCE 🎧

In this workshop, we will survey the landscape of youth and young adults today and help examine how they make decisions in their lives. We will explore practical methods for accompanying them in learning the spiritual practice of discernment – in everyday decisions as well as in figuring out God's call for their lives. This will include tips for helping young people answer the question: "Why did God create me?"



**Joan C. Weber**

*Based in Omaha, Neb., Joan Weber is Project Coordinator for Youth and Family Ministry Services at the Center for Ministry Development (CMD). She is Coordinator for Young Neighbors in Action, editor of Fashioning Faith (CMD's subscription website for lifelong faith formation), and teaches the Justice and Service Course in CMD's Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies. She is a contributing author to several publications and trains parish leaders in lifelong faith formation and young adult ministry.*

## 6-27 TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE 🎧

**Dr. C. Vanessa White (bio 3-27)**

As ministers and people of faith, we are called to respond to our brothers and sisters and their families who today are incarcerated or detained (because of immigration policies). We cannot stand idly by while the children journey in despair because of the plight of their parents. Today, the Body of Christ is incarcerated, the Body of Christ is detained. As St. Paul states, "If one member suffers, all the members suffer." This workshop will address how we, as ministers and disciples, are called to pastorally respond in our communities to those who are incarcerated and/or detained.

## 6-28 ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL: THE CASE FOR ADAPTIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 🎧

**Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy, PhD (bio 2-26)**

In 1978, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops published their statement calling for the full inclusion of persons with disabilities in parish life. An area in which these individuals have been left out of parish life is catechesis and sacramental preparation. Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy will explain how catechists can adapt their curriculum activities to accommodate children with all kinds of special needs.

## 6-70 "Ý NGHĨA KINH LẠY CHA DẪN ĐẾN CUỘC BIẾN CẢI KỲ DIỆU" 🎧

**LM Giuse-Maria Hoàng Tiên Đoàn, SJ (tiểu sử 1-70)**

Kinh Lạy Cha đã đem đến sự biến cải kỳ diệu giữa các cộng đoàn Kitô hữu tiên khởi lan rộng đến sự biến đổi xã hội trong thế giới La Hy thời cổ đại. Sự biến đổi ấy vẫn tiếp tục tuôn tràn đến mọi dân tộc qua mọi thời đại ảnh hưởng sâu đậm đến suy tư, nhận thức và lối sống của họ. Vấn đề là mỗi khi cầu nguyện với Kinh Lạy Cha, tôi có sẵn sàng mở lòng để Thần Khí Chúa kêu lên trong tôi, "Abba, Cha ơi!" (Roma 8:14); (Galat 4:6) và dắt dìu tôi chìm vào huyền nhiệm trong hồng ân cứu độ như Thánh Ý Chúa đã định cho tôi không?

## THE MEANING OF THE LORD'S PRAYER THAT LEADS TO MARVELOUS CHANGE 🎧

**Fr. Doan Hoang, SJ, STL (bio 1-70)**

The Lord's Prayer led to miraculous conversions in the early Christian community, and then spread marvelous social change in the Greco-Roman world. Such conversions have spilled to all peoples of all time, and have had profound influences in their thought, perception and lifestyle. As a matter of fact, when I pray with the Lord's Prayer, am I ready and willing for Holy Spirit to cry out in me, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:14), and to lead me into the mystery of salvation that God has willed for me?





**7-01 PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD TODAY** 🎧 **ARENA**

By now, virtually everyone acknowledges that Christians are victims of ISIS genocide in Iraq and Syria. What's less well known is that the Middle East is hardly the only danger zones for Christians today. From India to North Korea, from Eritrea to Kenya and reaching even into Latin America, Christians today are by far the world's most persecuted religious minority. John Allen, author of the "Global War on Christians," will bring the stories of these suffering Christians, describe why it matters and also sketch what average Christians in the United States can do about it.

**John Allen Jr.**

*John Allen Jr. is President and Editor of Crux, an independent Catholic news site in partnership with the Knights of Columbus, and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. He previously served as Associate Editor of the Boston Globe and Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter. Allen is author of 10 best-selling books and is a popular speaker internationally on Catholicism and the papacy. He divides his time between Rome and his home in Denver.*

**7-02 MISSIONARY DISCIPLES THAT FASCINATE, MULTIPLY AND ACCOMPANY** 🎧**Alejandro Aguilera-Titus (bio 4-02)**

Pope Francis gives us five clues to better understand how Jesus evangelizes. These five clues are the linchpin for the spirituality and the methodology of the Fifth National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry, a major initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Over the next four years, it promises to generate personal and pastoral conversion for the Church in the United States. Discover the joy of being missionary disciples in your parish, ecclesial movement and Catholic organizations!

**7-03 BREAKING OPEN ENCOUNTER: FROM THE HEART OF POPE FRANCIS****Dr. Tony Alonso & Jeanne Cotter (bios 5-01)**

Join us for reflection on the background of and inspiration for the Saturday afternoon event, *Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis*. Discover ways to carry the prophetic message of Pope Francis into your parish, school and your daily life through song, story and prayer. (This continues development of Session 5-01.)

**7-04 PRAY ALWAYS & IN MANY WAYS IN THE PARISH****David Anderson (bio 5-03)**

How can we open up the many and varied pathways to prayer in the parish? Learn to prepare different types of prayer including celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours, communal contemplative prayer experiences, and services of prayer for meetings and outreach. Ideas and resources will be provided to enhance daily prayer and the seasons of parish life.

**7-05 HOW THE BAPTISMAL CATECHUMENATE INSPIRES ALL CATECHESIS** 🎧**Mary Birmingham (bio 3-04)**

The "General Directory for Catechesis" insists that all catechesis in the Church is to be inspired by the baptismal catechumenate (GDC, #59). Many of us scratch our heads and say, "That's nice, but what does it practically mean for my ministry?" In this session, we will explore what the GDC means when it points us to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We will consider the many facets of catechesis and formation envisioned by the RCIA and the challenge to more fully incorporate the intention of the Church's directive in our various ministries. Those involved in ministry can use this as a yardstick to discern how their processes measure up.

**7-06 RAISE YOUR VOICE! MUSIC FOR SACRAMENTS, SEASONS AND CELEBRATIONS** 🎧**John Burland (bio 5-05)**

The use of song in children's catechesis is an effective and engaging way to teach and celebrate our faith. Music increases learning and enhances celebration. In this workshop, celebrated composer and educator John Burland will share a variety of music that deepens children's understanding of sacraments, the liturgical year and major Church feasts/celebrations. These "easy to learn" songs are rich in Church teaching and Scripture. They invite the use of prayerful movement and gesture. You will leave filled with the joy of the Gospel and equipped to creatively share the message of Christ with your children.

**7-07 MISSION AND WITNESS: PREPARING GENERATION Z YOUTH FOR CONFIRMATION** 🎧**Tom East (bio 5-06)**

There's something special about the generation of youth we work with. They are open to mentors, looking for a place to belong and are willing to share their gifts. They are also in need of the Good News of our Catholic faith as they take their place as missionary disciples. This workshop will explore a model and process for preparing youth for confirmation that engages youth today by involving families and the whole faith community.

**7-08 SEVEN SECRETS TO REACH THE HEARTS OF CHILDREN** 🎧**Steven Ellair (bio 1-07)**

Are you ready to transform the way you approach religious education with children? In this workshop, we will look at seven keys that will help you reach beyond just enlivening minds and get into the ministry of touching hearts. If you've ever wondered just how to begin to build faith in a meaningful way with children, then this workshop is for you!

## 7-09 TEACHING MERCY: ACCOMPANYING LGBT STUDENTS 🎧

How can Catholic schools fulfill their Catholic mission and foster an environment where all are truly welcome? This workshop will explore the experiences of LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) students in public and Catholic high schools in light of Church teachings on homosexuality. We will share concrete tools and consider real scenarios to help educators discern a merciful balance between teaching doctrine and offering pastoral care as they accompany LGBT students through journeys of self-discovery and self-acceptance.



**Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD**

*Freelance speaker and minister Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice has served a decade in ministry with LGBT Catholics. In addition to professional conferences, his appearances have included many regional and national conferences. Dr. Fitzmaurice also appears on several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network. He is recipient of the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Lumen Christi and the Cardinal's Young Adult in Ministry awards.*



**Rev. Chris Ponnet**

*Los Angeles-native Fr. Chris Ponnet was ordained for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1983. Since then, he has served as Director for the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry. He also serves as Pastor at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. Fr. Ponnet has spoken at the L.A. Congress and at the archdiocesan regional congresses for many years. He has made presentations at Pax Christi Peace and Justice conferences and at local congregations and meetings around the county.*

## 7-10 DISCERNING THE WILL OF GOD: AN IGNATIAN GUIDE TO CHRISTIAN DECISION-MAKING 🎧

**Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV (bio 4-09)**

Faithful Christians desire to do God's will in their lives but often do not know how. In our Christian tradition, St. Ignatius of Loyola is the primary exponent of a practical teaching on how to discern God's will. In this workshop, we will explore that teaching: discerning God's will in the different kinds of choices we face; the foundation of discernment; the necessary disposition; the spiritual means; and the three modes in which God's will may be discerning – clarity beyond doubting, an attraction of the heart, and a preponderance of reasons. We will examine all these ways through real-life experiences.

## 7-11 FAITHFUL WITNESS: THE CHURCH

**Dr. Greer G. Gordon (bio 1-09)**

In a world that continues to show its lack of understanding and commitment to the ways of God, Christians stand in faithful witness to the presence of Christ in its midst. This workshop will address the theology of church: ecclesiology. It will offer insights into the faithful witness of the church, as evidenced by the social teachings. This workshop is recommended for those engaged in the ministries of social justice, faith formation and catechesis.

## 7-12 GOD NEVER TIRES: SINGING THE ASTONISHING AND RELENTLESS GRACE OF MERCY

Singing, praying and celebrating the gift of God's mercy did not conclude with the end of the Year of Mercy called for by Pope Francis. The mercy of God and our ongoing call to take on the way of lavish compassion and forgiveness is ongoing, never ending. Let us come together and with the blessing of song-prayers that touch the heart of the mercy of God, inch closer to infusing our lives and the life of the entire Church in being this witness to the world.



**David Haas**

*David Haas is an international conference speaker, workshop and retreat leader and concert performer. He serves as Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry, as well as the Animator for Cretin-Derham Hall Taizé Prayer Community in St. Paul, Minn. He is also founder and Executive Director of "Music and Ministry Alive!" – a formation program for high school and college-age youth. Haas has composed and produced over 50 collections of original liturgical music and authored more than 35 books.*



**Zachary Stachowski**

*Zack Stachowski is Music Director at St. Ignatius in Ijamsville, Md. A frequent GIA artist, he has appeared as violinist and vocalist for recordings by David Haas, Lori True and Stephen Petrunak. Stachowski recently released his first collection with David Haas called "God Never Tires." He co-hosts the Open Your Hymnal podcast and is a chief developer of digital education content for the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. He also serves as Music Director for the Mid-Atlantic Congress.*

## 7-13 NEUROSCIENCE AND WELL-BEING: HOW SPIRITUALITY AFFECTS OUR HEALTH AND DNA 🎧

Our spiritual habits affect our physical and emotional health in a variety of ways. In this session, we'll explore recent findings in neuroscience showing how these practices slow aging in our cells, keep our brains healthy and nimble, reduce stress and bring more health, happiness and compassion into our lives. We can then "rise up" to use all our God-given gifts to serve and enliven our communities, schools and churches.



**Anne Kertz Kernion**

*Anne Kertz Kernion is owner and artist of Cards by Anne, which are sold online and in stores across the United States and abroad. She has taught theology at Carlow University in Pittsburgh for over a decade, and teaches chemistry and religion courses at a local community college. Kertz Kernion is a public speaker, gives retreats and teaches yoga. Her latest book is entitled, "A Year of Spiritual Companionship."*

**IN 1971**

the first Youth Rally was held for students and set the pattern for what has become Youth Day, which now annually attracts about 15,000 on the Thursday opening of the Congress event.



## 7-14 I WANT TO GO TO THAT CHURCH: CREATING A PARISH WHERE ADULTS AND YOUNG ADULTS RISE UP! 🎧

Adult formation and evangelization are key to creating communities that attract and engage adults and young adults. How do we – both as parishes and individuals – evangelize adults and young adults, especially those who may not claim affiliation with any religion? How do we nurture and form adults and young adults in a faith that brings them life? We'll examine current trends in society and in the Church and explore ways to create not just welcoming communities, but truly transformational ones that challenge adults and young adults to rise up!



**Douglas Leal**

*Douglas Leal is Vice President of Mission Integration with Providence St. Joseph Health in Irvine, Calif., and previously led the Division of Adult Faith Formation for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He has also worked as a management consultant and a professional actor and director. Leal is author of the skill-building book for lectors, "Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming!" and co-author of Liturgy Training Publications' "Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Proclaimers."*

## 7-15 A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE CATECHETICAL IMAGINATION 🎧

Professional catechetical leaders across the United States have been commissioned to share the faith, yet our catechetical imagination may need to be re-invigorated. Rooted in a long history of creative thinking, the vocation of a catechetical leader is more than numbers, programs and curricula; it involves the Spirit shaking creativity that scared the first Apostles. Are you ready to be shaken up and to imagine the impossible for the sustainability of a relevant catechetical future?



**Margaret Matijasevic**

*Margaret Matijasevic is Executive Director of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, based in Washington, D.C. She previously worked for 14 years in parish and diocesan roles in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, focusing on leadership through collaboration and the utilization of technology to spread the Gospel. She has presented at local, regional and national gatherings, is published in Catechist magazine, writes a column for Catechetical Leader Magazine, and appears in a video series.*

## 7-16 GOING, GOING, GONE ... THE DYNAMICS OF DISAFFILIATION IN YOUNG CATHOLICS 🎧

**Robert J. McCarty, DMin (bio 5-19)**

Saint Mary's Press recently conducted extensive research with young Catholics who have left the Church. This session will identify the underlying dynamics that lead to disaffiliation, describe the factors that reinforce those dynamics, and examine the implications for parish life, liturgy and pastoral ministry. We will hear about these issues from young adults in their own words and voices. And we will also propose pastoral strategies that enhance affiliation and engagement with the faith community.

## 7-17 MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY 🎧

There is more to the rosary than the beads! This session is perfect for those who are searching for new ways to say old prayers or feel that praying the rosary is too monotonous. Using his own art and stories, Bro. Mickey McGrath will shed new and contemporary light on the themes highlighted in the traditional mysteries of the rosary. We will focus on all four sets of mysteries – joyful, sorrowful, luminous and glorious – but as seen through the lens of cultural diversity, social justice, and care for creation and the environment.



**Bro. Mickey O'Neill McGrath, OSFS 🎧**

*Bro. Mickey McGrath is an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales currently living and working in Camden, N.J. He is illustrator and author of 18 award-winning books, all centered on the connections between art and faith. In addition, Bro. McGrath paints commissions for churches and schools throughout the United States. He is also a popular retreat leader and presenter in a variety of venues on the national Catholic circuit.*

## 7-18 "AND WHEN I AM LIFTED UP, I WILL DRAW EVERYONE TO MYSELF!" 🎧

**Megan McKenna (bio 4-20)**

When I am lifted up, rise up! Falling into the ground and dying to rise. Bending to serve and rising to lift others up. Being deeply troubled and just as deeply sure of God as Father who will honor him. Suffering and glory – all paradoxes to describe Jesus' life as Son of Man and Risen Lord. And we, as his beloved followers and friends living those paradoxes now in our lives, we are Jesus' servants. He is our Lord and we are with him. Amazingly we are encouraged: The Father will honor whomever serves me! We are lifted up together! Rise up!

## 7-19 ENCOUNTER YOUR WAY TOWARD GOOD CHURCH 🎧

**Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson (bio 6-17)**

Pope Francis encourages, cajoles and challenges us to encounter! Encounters are not nice, tidy, seemly, proper or polite. Encounters are real, raw, intimate, vulnerable, mysterious and ... holy. Encounters awaken, provoke, stretch and ... heal. Encounters inform and infuse and mediate good church. Good church emerges organically and gracefully out of encounter. So, let's risk encounter (and encounter always involves risk). Beginning with Jesus, the Spirit, the communion of saints, each other, the earth ... let's emerge from all these encounters prepared and passionate to do some really good church together!

## 7-20 HOW BIG IS YOUR BUT? (EXCUSE ME, LORD!) 🎧

**Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv (bio 2-01)**

Over the years, we have all discovered ways to make excuses for why we do or why we don't do the things that we know we ought to do. How often do we delay in answering God's call because his call may cause us discomfort or call us outside of our comfort zones? Al-

though we have all said “yes” to God, many of us say. “Yes, Lord, but...” This interactive workshop will help examine our excuses for delaying. It will help us finally reflect on the question: How big is your “but...”?

## 7-21 RE-IMAGINING PARISH LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF EVANGELIZATION ☪

Dr. John M. Rinaldo, DMin (bio 5-24)

Can we just be honest for a second? Catholic ministry is not forming intentional disciples in the way we hoped it would. More than a decade of research bares this truth out. Evangelization calls us to reach out to the unchurched and engage them in the life of Christ. Small tweaks and changes are not enough to have the impact that we are hoping for. We must reimagine and restructure our model of ministry. If you’re ready to change the way you do ministry, then this session is for you.

## 7-22 THE VOCATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE: BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS ☪

Fr. Donald Senior, CP (bio 1-23)

Some view the institutional dimensions of the Church as a deviation from the spiritual ideal intended by Christ in founding his community, and therefore, various forms of administrative service are viewed as something of a “necessary evil” rather than Christian discipleship. This workshop will make the case that the various tasks of administrative service are, in fact, an authentic and essential form of Christian ministry in order for the Church to thrive and carry out its mission to the world.

## 7-23 WHY WOULD AN ALL-LOVING GOD ALLOW SUFFERING? HOW TO SUFFER WELL THROUGH CHRISTIAN FAITH ☪

Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD (bio 3-25)

The problem of suffering presents a significant obstacle to faith among many young people, because they do not understand why a loving God would allow it – and they do not know how to suffer well. In this session, Fr. Robert Spitzer will explain the five steps of how to transform suffering into faith: the Resurrection perspective; spontaneous prayers; managing anxiety; optimizing the opportunities in suffering; and following the Holy Spirit. He will then address how to help young people understand why God would allow suffering – the conditions of human freedom as well as the need for challenge, vulnerability, courage and self-sacrifice in human self-actualization.

## 7-24 “GO TO MY DISCIPLES ... AND TELL THEM”! ☪

Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD (bio 6-22)

These are the words the Risen Christ spoke to Mary Magdalene, and also to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The Gospels relate that the initial sadness of these three disciples was turned into utter joy upon recognizing the Christ ... and their first act was to go and tell

others. What was that fraction of a moment like when they witnessed the unimaginable? Have we experienced a similar unveiling of the sacred in our own lives? This presentation will explore this “unimaginable” experience – when hope is reborn, when lives are changed forever. Like Mary Magdalene and the disciples on the road that first Easter, we too are called to go and tell this great news to others, to be missionary disciples of the Gospel.

## 7-25 NO MORE VOLUNTEERS: GETTING PARISHIONERS TO SEE THEMSELVES AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES ☪

Joan C. Weber (bio 6-25)

This workshop counters the idea of recruiting volunteers for parish ministries with the concept of parishioners living out their call to be, in Pope Francis’ words, “missionary disciples.” We will look at strategies for challenging all parishioners to get involved in at least one ministry through the lens of stewardship. The faith community really does have all the gifts needed to offer all the services required – from youth ministry to grief support, from hospitality to evangelization. We just need to invite, affirm and challenge our people.

## 7-26 CALLED, GIFTED AND FRUITFUL: THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF LIVING THE MISSION OF JESUS ☪

Sherry A. Weddell (bio 2-23)

As St. Pope John Paul II understood: “God with his call reaches the heart of each individual, and the Spirit, who abides deep within each disciple, gives himself to each Christian with different charisms and special signs.” This session is an introduction to helping each disciple embrace the charisms entrusted to him or her and the call of God that comes with the gift.

## 7-70 MẸ MARIA TRONG ĐỜI SỐNG PHỤNG VỤ VÀ SÙNG KÍNH CỦA GIÁO HỘI ☪

Linh Mục Phạm Đức Thịnh (tiểu sử 3-70)

Vì Mẹ là Mẹ Thiên Chúa, Đức Trinh Nữ Maria có một vị trí đặc biệt giữa các vị thánh, và thực sự, giữa tất cả các sinh vật. Buổi hội thảo sẽ tìm hiểu và phân tích các kinh nguyện phụng vụ và nghi thức sùng kính mà Giáo Hội đã tôn kính Đức Trinh Nữ Maria trong suốt hai ngàn năm qua; và đặc biệt làm thế nào các nghi thức đạo đức đối với Đức Mẹ luôn giúp đưa chúng ta đến gần với Tình Yêu Cứu Chuộc hơn.

## MARY IN THE LITURGICAL AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH ☪

Rev. Thịnh Đức Phạm (bio 3-70)

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. We will examine and analyze how throughout the centuries the Church has exalted her in liturgical and devotional practices, and how these forms of piety toward Mary help bring us closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.



**8-01 THE HISTORICAL JESUS** 🎧 **ARENA**

Come and explore the daily life of Jesus! What was Jesus' real life like in first-century Palestine? How much can we really know about his daily life as a carpenter? How did that real life affect his teaching? Fr. James Martin will introduce you to the latest discoveries about Jesus' life in Nazareth.

**James Martin, SJ**

*Jesuit priest Fr. James Martin is Editor at Large of the Catholic magazine, America. He is author of numerous award-winning books including, most recently, "Building a Bridge" and "Seven Last Words" in addition to "The Abbey," "Together on Retreat," "Between Heaven and Mirth," "The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything" and "My Life with the Saints." Fr. Martin is a frequent speaker at national conferences, retreats and parish groups and has given presentations at the L.A. Congress for the past several years.*

**8-02 TRAVERSING THE DARK WOODS: THE JOURNEY FROM FEAR TO BLESSEDNESS** 🎧

We live in dark and difficult times. For many people this feels like being mired in a swamp, unable to move quickly in any direction. For others, it is like a dance with death, wondering if the end is near. Whether we view our situation individually or culturally, we must learn how to rise up into a new mature religious consciousness. Perhaps the late-Middle Ages poet Dante has some helpful wisdom for us to use in these uncertain times.

**Rev. Jim Clarke, PhD**

*Fr. Jim Clarke is Director of New Evangelization for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He is also an Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles and a previous Director of Spiritual Formation at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. Fr. Clarke has over 30 years of facilitating retreats and parish missions and has presented at the SCRC Conference, the Religious Education Congress and the Regional Congresses. His work and further education has taken him to Israel, Mexico, Canada, Africa, Europe, Australia, Guam and American Samoa.*

**8-03 DEEPENING OUR APPRECIATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST** 🎧**Rev. John C. Cusick (bio 1-04)**

Two weeks after the Religious Education Congress ends, we will gather in our churches to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. This workshop will take us through the Resurrection narratives in the Gospels that we will hear at Mass. We will uncover the power of the symbolic language and subtle references to the earlier life of Christ found in these narratives. Hopefully, we might discover the intensity of faith found in his disciples and say proudly with them, "We have seen the Lord!"

**8-04 HEAL, PROCLAIM, THEN TEACH: A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO EVANGELIZATION** 🎧**Jared Dees (bio 3-07)**

"Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness" (Mt. 9:35). Inspired by the threefold ministry of Jesus Christ, participants will uncover a practical approach to evangelization: heal the wounded; proclaim the Gospel; and teach the faith. Using highly practical tools with stories of successful saints and ministries today, Jared Dees will help participants uncover ways in which they can live out the New Evangelization through the imitation of Jesus by healing, proclaiming, and teaching the communities in which they serve.

**8-05 BIBLICAL WOMEN PROCLAIM, "RISE UP!"** 🎧**Carol J. Dempsey, OP, PhD (bio 3-09)**

Generations of biblical women have "risen to the occasion" to confront injustice, to speak truth to power, to exercise assertiveness, and to impart wisdom. Come and discover how their stories and choices can be transformative for today.

**8-06 RISE UP, YOU TRIBES OF THE CHURCH!** 🎧**Msgr. Raymond East (bio 2-08)**

The current divisions in cultures and politics have been compared to a new "tribalism." Sometimes these tensions are felt in our schools, parishes and dioceses. If God could gather the 12 tribes of Israel into a unified Chosen People, why not us in our time? Together, we will draw inspiration from Bible history and the recent gatherings of "Church tribes" at the Tekawitha Conference, Black Catholic Congress, Encuentro and the Eucharistic Congresses of Deaf, Asian-Pacific, Caribbean, African Catholics and others. Bring your experiences and share what the Holy Spirit is doing in our Church.

**8-07 WEARY AND WAITING: NURTURING HOPE DURING TRANSITIONS** 🎧**Becky Eldredge (bio 3-11)**

Have you ever found yourself in a situation where it is hard to hold onto hope? At times life's journey feels like stepping out into total darkness. Anyone who has faced a time of serious transition knows how this can feel. Hope is the candle of faith that scatters the darkness and sees us through the Paschal Mystery. Becky Eldredge, an Ignatian-trained spiritual director and retreat leader, shows you how to nurture hope, to explore your deepest desires when the way forward seems unclear so that you can find the path you were meant to follow and become the person you were created to be.

## 8-08 RISE UP! RE-THINKING PARISH BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR THE FUTURE 🎧

Amy Florian (bio 5-07)

In our death-denying society, people are increasingly planning a “celebration of life” instead of a funeral or doing away with rituals altogether. Afterward, many mourners feel abandoned and alone as they struggle with their grief. How can our parishes do a better job of supporting our families through the experience of death? Learn the essential elements to implement from the Order of Christian Funerals with ways to explain the various rites to families. Learn an integrated model for how your parish bereavement ministry can serve and comfort people in the long term. Find out how to not only comfort those who mourn, but touch hearts and change lives.

## 8-09 IMAGINE THAT! PRAYING WITH THE IMAGINATION 🎧

Anne Frawley-Mangan (bio 3-12)

Albert Einstein said that imagination is more important than knowledge. This is so true when it comes to prayer! Anne Frawley-Mangan will take you on a creative journey through a variety of prayer styles that engage the imagination. You will learn a variety of ways of praying to share in your school and religious education programs.

## 8-10 MULTICULTURAL HALOS: SAINTS AND EVERYDAY HOLINESS 🎧

Sr. Bridget Haase, OSU (bio 5-09)

Me, a saint? Hardly! Yet, in this session, we will look at the lives of three saints who affirm the holiness of our own experiences. They, as we will one day, have exchanged their crosses, challenges and longings for a crown of glory. Come, hear what they can teach us and leave feeling encouraged!

## 8-11 SAINTS-IN-THE-MAKING: STORYTELLING FOR A NEW GENERATION OF EVANGELISTS 🎧

Lisa M. Hendey (bio 6-12)

How can we inspire our children and teens to not only know and love their Catholic faith, but to share it with others? In this session, we’ll examine how to educate and inspire today’s “wired” generation to look to the saints as role models for the courage and mission-mindedness to rise up and boldly encounter a world greatly in need of their gifts. Looking at saints who made a difference, this session will empower us and the families we serve to identify and be empowered by our spiritual gifts to serve our Church, our communities and our world.

**IN 1970**

the Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine Congress moved to the Anaheim Convention Center. (The cities of Orange County were still part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese). It was only six years later that the Diocese of Orange was established on March 24, 1976.

## 8-12 ENGAGING THE “NONES”: EVANGELIZATION OF THE INACTIVE AND DISAFFECTED 🎧

Paul Jarzembowski (bio 5-13)

The fastest growing religious groups in the United States are the unaffiliated: the “nones” who do not connect with any faith community, closely followed by inactive and disaffected Catholics who have detached from the practice of the faith. But hope is not lost. There are creative and compassionate ways to engage these men and women, many of them in the Millennial Generation. This session will give insights and tools for Catholics looking to reconnect the disconnected, using key learnings from the work of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the upcoming synod on “Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment.”

## 8-13 TRANSFORMING PARISHES INTO COMMUNITIES OF DISCIPLES 🎧

Fr. Satish Joseph (bio 6-13)

Midway through his seminary training, Fr. Satish Joseph came to new realizations about discipleship. As he often says, “My primary calling is not to the priesthood, but to be a disciple. My priesthood is an expression of my discipleship.” Using his pastoral experience at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Ohio, Fr. Joseph will share insights for taking the individual call to discipleship and forming communities of disciples. Over the year, under his pastorship, the parish has developed a new consciousness of being a community of disciples. In this session, Fr. Joseph will share step-by-step strategies for transforming parishes into communities of disciples.

## 8-14 CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT: PRE-CATECHUMENATE PERIOD WITH CHILDREN 🎧

Blessie La Scola (bio 5-15)

Working with children in search of a relationship with Christ and the Church is challenging. When given the time for trust to develop, to form bonds within a community, to have a sense of God’s presence in their lives and be supported by family and members of the parish, the children begin to have an awareness of faith. The period of the Pre-catechumenate offers children a foundation to be built upon as they move into the next periods of the process. It is important that we offer the Rite of Christian Initiation process within God’s time and not our own.

## 8-15 LITURGICAL FLOW: UNDERSTANDING THE KEY TO EXCELLENT LITURGY 🎧

Diana Macalintal (bio 5-16)

If your Sunday liturgy is good, but you want it to be great, you may need better liturgical and musical flow. It’s a concept difficult to define yet simple to implement once you know what to look for. Learn how to spot the obstacles and unblock your way to excellent liturgy that fully engages the assembly in word, music and action.



**8-16 THE WORD IN SONG: SINGING SCRIPTURE WITH CHILDREN** 🎧**Michael Mangan (bio 1-15)**

The addition of music brings another dimension to understanding and connecting with words. Singing the words of Scripture is a powerful way for children to come to know, love and remember key biblical texts and the core fundamentals of Christian life. Come along ready to sing and explore the Psalms and the words and teachings of Jesus through a range of Australian Michael Mangan's vibrant, contemporary music.

**8-17 PROPHETS & PROPHECY: PROD TO CONSCIENCE** 🎧**Rabbi Michael Mayersohn (bio 1-17)**

The prophets of the Hebrew Bible – from Elijah to Malachi – seek to move us to ethical behavior, demanding that we treat each other and the most vulnerable in our society with kindness and compassion. We will explore those prophetic messages and see how they are relevant today.

**8-18 PRAY OUT LOUD! STAND AND LEAD! INSPIRING A ZEAL FOR MISSION IN YOUNG PEOPLE** 🎧

Young people are the hope of mission! They demonstrate marked concern about the state of the world and are hungry for meaningful change. In this session, we will explore essential strategies for tapping into the missionary zeal of today's youth. Learn how to inspire a creative leadership in young people to serve and act justly, with great love, to help change our world for the good of all. Discover two new programs from Catholic Relief Services – Pray Out Loud and Stand and Lead – aimed at helping young people understand the global mission of our Church and mobilize their peers for the common good.

**Ted Miles**

Baltimore native Ted Miles' Jesuit influence led to a two-year position in Belize and Guatemala with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. For nearly 30 years since then, he has served in parish ministry, Catholic high school education and archdiocesan leadership development. Miles has worked for Catholic Relief Services as Relationship Manager for Youth and Religious Education, and as coordinator of the agency's youth outreach in the United States for 10 years. He speaks nationally and internationally on behalf of CRS.

**Sergio Lopez**

Musician and speaker, Sergio Lopez is a former youth minister and worship leader from the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He has presented at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and Regional Congresses as well as at the Fresno Diocesan Youth Day, the Christian Leadership Institute in Santa Barbara, Calif., and the Center for Ministry and Development in Buffalo, N.Y. He has worked for Catholic Relief Services since 2014 as a Relationship Manager and is based in Simi Valley, Calif.

**8-19 FINDING FAITH IN SCORSESE'S "SILENCE"** 🎧

In this interactive workshop, we will use a framework of deep viewing to explore the themes of beauty, truth and goodness in Martin Scorsese's 2016 cinematic masterpiece, "Silence." The issues of inculturation/interculturalization, mission, vocation, evangelization, colonization, freedom (*vis-à-vis* coercion) and the moral and ethical dilemmas of the key characters will be considered using clips from the film.

**Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP**

Sr. Rose Pacatte, a Daughter of St. Paul, is an author, a film and television critic, and an online facilitator for the University of Dayton's catechetical Virtual Learning Community. She currently serves as Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Culver City, Calif. Sr. Pacatte's latest book is entitled "Corita Kent: Gentle Revolutionary of the Heart." Recently, she traveled to the Vicariate of Southern Arabia as keynote speaker and seminar presenter sessions in Muscat, Oman, and in Dubai, United Arab Emirate.

**Fr. Ron Schmidt, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Ron Schmidt is an award-winning international documentary filmmaker whose films include "The Labyrinth," "Franz Jaegerstaetter: A Man of Conscience," "On the Line" and "In Spite of Darkness: A Spiritual Encounter with Auschwitz." He presents Ignatian retreats and film seminars and several years ago co-founded the Religious Education Congress Film Showcase. Fr. Schmidt currently serves as Assisting Priest at both Holy Family Parish in South Pasadena and at St. Francis de Sales in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

**8-20 HOW TO BECOME A SAINT IN FIVE EASY STEPS** 🎧**Bob Perron (bio 5-22)**

In a culture of instant results and doing less to gain more, it is easy to let our faith fall into that trap. Growing in holiness is not a five-step process – it is a relationship. Growing in holiness is rooted in love and enriched though prayer. In this session, we will explore together keys to enriching our faith and sharing it with our family.

**8-21 EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY: BEST PRACTICES FOR SUCCESSFUL CATECHETICAL LEADERSHIP** 🎧

Modern parish catechetical leadership is filled with many joys and many challenges. In 2017, Tom Quinlan was asked to "write the book" on what effective catechetical leadership looks like today. A diocesan director and former parish Director of Religious Education, he brings experience and insights to explore best practices (in areas including marketing, administration, planning, and catechist and parent formation) to thrive in this privileged ministry role. This session will emphasize evangelization and missionary discipleship (in the spirit of Pope Francis). Come with your real-life questions! Open to current and aspiring parish leaders.



**Tom Quinlan**

*A long-time diocesan Catechetical Director for the Diocese of Joliet, Ill., Tom Quinlan has extensive experience presenting at the parish, diocesan and national levels, from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Los Angeles. He has served on boards of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership and for Paulist Evangelization Ministries. Quinlan has led many webinars for Paulist Evangelization Ministries, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Sadlier and has appeared in several publications.*

## 8-22 THE KERYGMA ENIGMA-TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY 🔊

**Julianne Stanz (bio 5-25)**

We are rediscovering the role of the *kerygma* (from the Greek, meaning preaching) in our ministry efforts. Without the proclamation of the kerygma, our evangelization and discipleship efforts will not be fruitful for it is the kerygma that awakens the missionary disciple. But what is the kerygma and how does it transform us from being consumers of faith to being active disciples who engage in mission? In this workshop, participants will experience the kerygma through Scripture, reflection, music and imagery and leave with practical materials on how to apply the kerygma in their life and in their ministry.

## 8-23 RISE UP, BROKEN PEOPLE! A REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS 🔊

**David Wells (bio 2-24)**

In his encyclicals, Pope Francis writes about the frailties and fragility of people. He wants the Church to be careful with people. In his teachings, he has described what some people have called a “revolution of tenderness.” In this workshop, we will consider how two principles – accompaniment and discernment – can help us to be tender in our dealings with people. In this way, we can engage with the “wonderfully complicated” situations we confront. Through the pursuit of tenderness, we will reconsider how we can help to revive our ministries and restore the dignity of young and old alike, and together, to gently heal a fragile world.

## 8-24 WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF REFORM: THE WESTERN CHURCH IN THE 14TH CENTURY 🔊

**Fr. Thomas C. Weston, SJ (bio 5-27)**

In this workshop, we will take a look at a most chaotic and desperate period of the life in the Western Church: violence, corruption and greed from top to bottom mark the long days of the 14th century. In an age of war, climate change and disease, women and men respond with hard work and prayer and sacrifice to lead the Church out of the pit. We will review the papacy in France, the Western Schism, the saints and the scholars.

## 8-25 FINDING COURAGE TO EMBRACE THE NEW EVANGELIZATION 🔊

**Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran (bios 3-26)**

In order to reach people we aren’t currently reaching, we need to do things we aren’t currently doing. Sharing new ideas and trying something new always comes with fear. If we do not deal with fear, it can keep us from the good work God wants us to do. In this workshop, we will look at five key ways to overcome the fears that are a part of doing ministry in the Church.

## 8-26 FINDING COURAGE – A WAY FOR CATHOLICS WITH SAME-SEX ATTRACTIONS 🔊

Come and learn how Courage, the international apostolate, was created to help Catholics with same-sex attractions by creating a group that weaves spirituality and fellowship that follows the 12 Step Programs for Recovery. This session will cover the basic components of Courage and some of Fr. Ed Benioff’s pastoral experience as Director of the Los Angeles Courage Chapter.



**Fr. Edward Benioff**

*Fr. Ed Benioff, a Los Angeles native, didn’t enter the priesthood until his late 30s, after a previous career as a teacher. Since his ordination, he has served the Los Angeles Archdiocese at Holy Trinity Church in San Pedro and as Chaplain at Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance. Fr. Benioff most recently left the position as Director of the Office of New Evangelization for the Los Angeles Archdiocese to become Pastor at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Beverly Hills, Calif.*

## 8-70 VIÊN NGỌC TRAI 🔊

**Tiến Sĩ Quyên Di (tiểu sử 4-70)**

Một hạt cát lọt vào trong con sò sẽ gây ra một vết thương. Con sò phải chịu đau đớn và mất một thời gian dài, dùng chất xà cừ trong chính mình nó bao bọc lấy hạt cát, biến hạt cát thành viên ngọc quý. Lớn lên trong một xã hội đa văn hoá, con cái chúng ta – những người trẻ Mỹ gốc Việt – có thể gây đau khổ cho chúng ta. Việc hàn gắn vết thương này cần có sự gắng công và thời gian lâu dài, từ đó có thể đưa đến một kết quả tuyệt vời.

## THE PEARL 🔊

**Professor Quyên-Di (bio 4-70)**

When a hard grain of sand cuts into the soft tissues of an oyster, the oyster spends a long time building layer upon layer of nacre to deal with the harsh intruder, resulting in a precious pearl. Growing up in multiple cultures, our children – young Vietnamese Americans – can leave us feeling hurt. Healing this wound requires much work and much time, and may produce a precious result. We will discuss the steps of this pearl-making, including the excruciating patience it requires.







## TEMA DE REFLEXIÓN

El pasado mes de junio tuve la oportunidad y el privilegio de asistir al concierto final de la temporada de "Los Angeles Master Chorale." Uno de los temas fue una obra de estreno de Charles Anthony Silvestri y Eric Whitacre se llama "Yo Caigo" y se trata del inicio del viaje de un hombre cuya esposa está muriendo.

El estribillo de la canción sólo tiene cuatro palabras: "Te levantas/yo caigo," pero las cantaron con una profundidad tan intensa que la mayoría de la audiencia (incluyéndome) nos conmovimos hasta las lágrimas. No fue por causa de la técnica artística del compositor ni la habilidad experta del coro (aunque en verdad ambos eran excelentes). Fue un momento en que la música expresó y enmarcó algo que casi todos entienden en sus huesos: La pérdida de un ser querido tiene la capacidad de deshacernos ... o de abrir un nuevo horizonte.

Jesús dijo, "Tu hermano resucitará." El no menciona esas palabras a Marta solamente para consolarla por la muerte de su hermano Lázaro, sino para revelar plenamente el plan de Dios: destruir la cautividad del pecado y muerte para todos.

Esta era (y todavía es) una declaración audaz de fe a los catecúmenos: el cumplimiento de la obra salvífica de Dios en Cristo. También es una llamada a todos los bautizados: para dejar de vivir en la tumba de nuestros propios miedos y ansiedades, dejando así, que Jesús nos desate de las preocupaciones pasajeras y los hábitos pecaminosos que impiden vivir plenamente el Evangelio. Para dejar que el Espíritu Santo habite plenamente en nuestras almas.

¿Para hacer qué?, para ayudar a todos los que todavía están enterrados por el pecado, la injusticia y la muerte, para que ellos también escuchen a Jesús gritar – "¡Levántate!" – lo hagan y le sigan a la vida eterna.

– P. Christopher Bazyouros, Director, Oficina de Educación Religiosa

## ¿QUÉ ES EL CONGRESO DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA?

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles es el evento más grande de su clase en los Estados Unidos. Su objetivo continúa siendo el de ofrecer capacitación y formación espiritual a aquellas personas involucradas en el ministerio catequético y otros ministerios relacionados con la catequesis. Hoy en día, sin embargo, el Congreso va más allá de la formación de los educadores religiosos. El Congreso congrega a más de 40,000 participantes durante los cuatro días en que se celebra, ofreciendo 300 conferencias con una amplia gama de temas sobre la espiritualidad, música religiosa, desarrollo personal, estudios bíblicos y catequesis.

Regístrese ya a este enriquecedor fin de semana, vital para el crecimiento y formación de ministros de la iglesia. Complete el formulario de inscripción que se encuentra en la parte interna de la contraportada de este cuaderno. También puede visitarnos en el internet en [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org); allí puede usar su tarjeta de crédito para pagar su inscripción.

## LUGAR Y PRECIO

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa se lleva a cabo en las instalaciones del Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim, ubicado en 800 West Katella Avenue, Anaheim, California, al Sur de Disneyland y Disney California Adventure.

**COSTO: \$70 (antes del 26 de enero, 2018); \$80 (después del 26 de enero, 2018).** El costo de inscripción cubre la admisión a todos los eventos: exposiciones, conciertos, liturgias de los tres días y a las conferencias (debe de presentar sus boletos de inscripción para entrar a éstas).

**NOTA:** Si no ha enviado su formulario de inscripción antes del 23 de febrero del 2018, inscribirse por internet o en el Centro de Convenciones. Inscripciones por internet se cerraran a las 9 am el domingo del Congreso.

## JUEVES – 15 DE MARZO DE 2018

(Horario de Día de los Jóvenes en las páginas 8-9)

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Inscripción

## VIERNES – 16 DE MARZO

7:00 am - 3:00 pm Inscripción  
(Prefunción Lobby)

8:30 - 9:30 am Oración y Bienvenida (**Sala B**)

10:00 - 11:30 am 1ª Sesión de Conferencias

11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO

11:45 - 12:30 pm Música (**Arena**)  
– David Haas y Zack Stachowski

Música (**Sala B**)  
– WAL

1:00 - 2:30 pm 2ª Sesión de Conferencias

3:00 - 4:30 pm 3ª Sesión de Conferencias

5:15 pm Servicio de Oración y Liturgias Eucarísticas

7:45 - 9:45 pm "Film Showcase" 2018 (Convenciones 201)

8:00 pm **Concierto (Arena)**  
– Iván Díaz y amigos

9:00 pm Oración complina (Convenciones 303)

## SÁBADO – 17 DE MARZO

7:30 am - 2:30 pm Inscripción

7:50 am - 9:30 am Inglés (**Arena**)  
Alabanza matutina y Asamblea General  
– Dra. Carolyn Woo

Español (**Sala B**)  
Alabanza matutina y Asamblea General  
– María Clara Bingemer

10:00 - 11:30 am 4ª Sesión de Conferencias

11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO

11:45 - 12:30 pm Música (**Arena**)  
– John Angotti y Meredith Augustin

Música (**Sala B**)  
– Santiago Fernández

1:00 - 2:30 pm 5ª Sesión de Conferencias

3:00 - 4:30 pm 6ª Sesión de Conferencias

5:15 pm Servicios de Oración y Liturgias Eucarísticas

8:00 pm **Concierto (Arena)**  
– "Celebración del Día de San Patricio"

8:30 pm Iluminaciones Sagradas (Convenciones 213)

9:00 pm Oración taizé (Convenciones 303)

9:00 pm - 12:00 Baile (Marriott)

## DOMINGO – 18 DE MARZO

8:00 - 11:00 am Inscripción

8:00 - 9:30 am Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)

10:00 - 11:30 am 7ª Sesión de Conferencias

11:30 - 1:00 pm ALMUERZO

11:45 - 12:30 pm Música (**Arena**)  
– Vallimar Jansen & amigos

Música (**Sala B**)  
– Anna Betancourt, Rodolfo López y Estela García-López

1:00 - 2:30 pm 8ª Sesión de Conferencias

3:30 pm Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)

# EVENTOS



## EN ANAHEIM

Iniciado como un “Instituto” en 1956, nuestro evento se convirtió en el “CCD Congreso” y ahora se conoce como el “Congreso de Educación Religiosa.” Desde 1970 hemos estado en el Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim – cuando el Diócesis de Orange todavía era parte del Los Ángeles.



## NUEVA SALA “ACC NORTE” SE ABRE

La construcción en el Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim que comenzó en el verano de 2015 se dio a conocer en el evento de corte de cinta el 26 de septiembre de 2017 y será utilizado como uno de los lugares para RECongress 2018! Durante los últimos dos años, el Centro de Convenciones ha experimentado otra expansión. La antigua zona de estacionamiento 1 (adyacente a la Arena), es el sitio de su último proyecto. Esta expansión – el séptimo desde su apertura en 1967 – añade 200,000 pies cuadrados de espacio de reunión configurable y también añade un estacionamiento adicional.



## LITURGIAS

El Congreso anualmente ofrece una serie de liturgias de carácter diferente. El Congreso 2018 ofrece 14 liturgias eucarísticas, incluso cuidado de la tierra, español, indonesio, la iglesia en los márgenes y la misa de la compasión, nigeriano y vietnamitas.

*(Consulte la página 22)*

## EXHIBICIÓN DE ARTE

Cada año el Congreso cuenta con una exhibición de obras de arte – ya sea por un artista local o una exhibición resaltando un tema actual. El año pasado Catholic Relief Services (CRS) organizó un viaje fotográfico de las emergencias humanitarias más apremiantes de nuestros días. *(en el Lobby de la Arena)*



## EVENTOS EN LA SALA

En la sala de exposiciones (“Hall A”) es uno de los lugares más lleno de vida del Congreso. Durante el fin de semana asegúrate de ver que está pasando en el área de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa (ORE). El Centro Tecnológico es allí donde se llevara a cabo el viernes el Chat.



## CONFERENCISTAS

El Congreso 2018 ofrecerá conferencias con temas que van desde el crecimiento personal, la música y temas espirituales – se ofrecen en tres idiomas: español, inglés y vietnamita. Otra vez este año nuestra asamblea general será el sábado a las 8 am – uno en español en el Sala B y uno en inglés en la Arena.

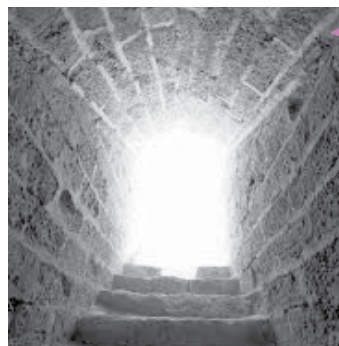






## DÍA DE LOS JÓVENES

El Congreso comienza el jueves, 15 de marzo, con “Día de los Jóvenes,” el evento de alta energía. Es una oportunidad para que los estudiantes – de todos los estados occidentales – compartan una mezcla de conferencias, liturgias y manifestaciones animadas. (Vea las páginas 7-15.)



## ESPACIO SAGRADO

Partiendo de la historia evangélica cuando Jesús resucitó a Lázaro, tendremos la oportunidad de ser inspirados y desafiados por historias de personas que han sido capaces de alzarse por encima de sus sufrimientos, saliendo de sus tumbas y abandonando aquello que, alguna vez, les haya atado.

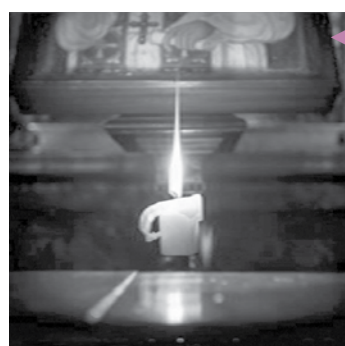
## ENTRETENIMIENTO

La admisión al Congreso incluye conciertos gratuitos por el almuerzo y por la noche presentados por las artistas del Congreso los conocidos y amados. Disfrute de la variedad de expresiones musicales con sonidos y ritmos de todo el mundo. Puedes encontrar música todo el día. (de viernes a domingo)



## ETAPA DE MÚSICA

Varios de los artistas que representan en el congreso han programado tiempo para aparecer en la etapa de la música en Sala A. El escenario exhibe los juegos de 20 minutos de música viva y se localiza en el área del sudeste de la sala de exposición A. Compruebe el horario para las horas. (De viernes a domingo)



## ILUMINACIONES SAGRADAS

Una característica anual en el Congreso es *Iluminaciones Sagradas: Una coreografía mística de luz y sonido*. Aquí, Hna. Marie Tulacz, SND, incorpora su más reciente fotografía de bellas artes y reflexión litúrgica. (sábado por la noche)



## MUESTRA DE CINE

En colaboración con el Center for Religion and Spirituality de la universidad de Loyola Marymount, presentamos una serie de ficción, documentales y películas de dibujos animados, cuyos elementos temáticos se basa en la Doctrina Social Católica, la espiritualidad y la teología. (viernes por la tarde)



# BIENVENIDO



## UN MENSAJE DEL ARZOBISPO

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En nombre de toda la familia de Dios de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, ¡quiero darles la bienvenida a nuestro Congreso de Educación Religiosa de 2018!

El Congreso de este año tiene como tema “¡Levántate!” I “Rise Up!” I “Hãy Đứng Lên!”

Y este año, vamos a reflexionar sobre nuestra fe en la Resurrección. Contemplamos este año la figura de Santa Marta, la hermana de María y de Lázaro.

Recordamos su dolor y su tristeza por la muerte de su hermano. Todos conocemos bien su historia, porque la escuchamos, año tras año, en la liturgia. Jesús llega a su casa después de que Lázaro ya había muerto y les dice: “Yo soy la resurrección y la vida.” Y luego le pregunta a Marta: “¿Crees tú esto?”

Es un momento de gran intensidad, y recordamos la confesión de fe de Marta. Para mí es muy similar a la confesión de fe que hizo San Pedro. Ella dice: “Si, Señor, yo creo que tu eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios vivo.”

En esta hermosa confesión de fe en la resurrección, Santa Marta nos muestra el propósito de nuestro propio discipulado. Estamos llamados a llevar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas al conocimiento de que Jesús es el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, que murió y está vivo para siempre. Estamos llamados a llevarlos a conocer el Amor que es más fuerte que la muerte.

Rezo para que estos sean días de gracia para todos ustedes, para que puedan acercarse más a nuestro Señor Resucitado y en los que se renueve su compromiso de proclamar la buena nueva de Su Resurrección.

Los encomiendo, a cada uno de ustedes, a la protección maternal de nuestra Santísima Madre María, Reina de Los Ángeles, ¡y bienvenidos a Los Ángeles!

+ José H. Gomez  
Excelentísimo Sr. Jose H. Gomez  
Arzobispo de Los Angeles

## SALUDO DEL DIRECTOR

¡Bendiciones y saludos a todos ustedes y bienvenidos al Congreso 2018! Me siento lleno de alegría de extender a ustedes esta invitación a unirse a nosotros para el Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles celebrado en Anaheim. Estamos muy entusiasmados de reunirnos de nuevo y celebrar nuestra fe mientras enfrentamos el desafío de vivir el Evangelio.

Mientras escribo esta carta, muchas comunidades alrededor del mundo están sufriendo mucho, especialmente de desastres naturales tales como inundaciones, huracanes, terremotos e incendios. Por más devastadores que sean esos acontecimientos no triunfan sobre el espíritu de Dios, que despierta en los corazones de todos nosotros el deseo de servir a los necesitados, y para los que sufren, la fuerza es reconstruir. Nuestro tema para el Congreso 2018 es “¡Levántense!” y se adapta perfectamente a estos tiempos. Jesucristo resucitando a Lázaro de entre los muertos, nos damos cuenta de que la misión de Cristo es devolver a todos a la plenitud de la vida en Dios; oírle llamar nuestro nombre y llamarnos de nuestras tumbas.

Ven y escucha la voz de Jesús llamándote a una vida más abundante a través de las muchas conferencias, liturgias, capacitación y recursos durante el fin de semana. Vengan y sean reabastecidos profundamente en su espíritu y sean desafiados a vivir como una vida plena en Cristo.

Junto con todas las actividades tendrás la oportunidad de encontrar a Dios en el Espacio Sagrado, al cual estás invitado a dejar que tu vida, como la oración, se levante ante Dios como incienso (Salmo 142).

Muchas gracias por vuestro generoso apoyo al Congreso y participación en las comunidades a través del ministerio. Escuchemos el grito de nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados, y no permanezcamos indiferentes en nuestras tumbas, sino que levantémonos en el espíritu de Cristo para ayudar.

Espero con entusiasmo poder saludarlos en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2018.

Sinceramente,

Fr. Chris Bazyour  
Rev. Christopher Bazyour  
Director, Oficina de Educación Religiosa





## MENSAJE DE LAS COORDINADORAS DEL CONGRESO

Queridos amigos y amigas:

¡Damos la bienvenida a todos y cada uno de ustedes al Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2018!

Nuestro tema – “¡Levántense!” – se inspira en las lecturas dominicales del quinto domingo de Cuaresma. La historia de Lázaro nos recuerda que Jesús nos invita a levantarnos de todas aquellas cosas que nos mantienen atados y nos impiden una relación plena con Dios y el prójimo.


Comenzamos con la vitalidad del Día de los Jóvenes, que nos lleva a un fin de semana en el que experimentaremos una variedad de oportunidades de enriquecimiento. Se ofrecerán más de 300 conferencias en una variedad de idiomas, entregadas por algunos de los más conocidos presentadores nacionales e internacionales. Ofrecemos diversas celebraciones eucarísticas y otras ofrendas de oración, incluyendo el sacramento de la reconciliación. Espacio Sagrado ofrece una experiencia multimedia destacando los individuos y las comunidades que a través de la gracia de Dios se han elevado por encima de sus circunstancias particulares. El almuerzo y la noche de entretenimiento, así como artistas en el Salón de Exhibiciones, llenarán el alma con su música. Estos son sólo algunos de los puntos destacados que les esperan!

Las descripciones de las conferencias, listados de eventos, información de alojamiento, e instrucciones de inscripción en línea y por correo están incluidas en esta Guía de Registro y actualizadas regularmente en nuestro sitio web en **www.RECongress.org**. Se puede obtener información adicional por correo electrónico en **congress@la-archdiocese.org**, o llamando al Congreso al (213) 637-7346.

Si conoce a otros a quienes cree que unirse al Congreso podría enriquecerles, no dude en ponerse en contacto con nosotros. ¡Nos encantaría verlos! Para aquellos que no pueden unirse a nosotros en Anaheim, recuerde que nuestro evento puede ser visto en directo a través de **www.RECongress.org/Live**.

Ansiosamente esperamos estar con ustedes muy pronto, mientras nosotras también hacemos nuestra misión el ser personas que podamos ver más claramente y reconocer más profundamente la presencia de Dios en nuestros encuentros cotidianos el uno con el otro.

  
Paulette Smith  
Directora Asociada  
Coordinadora de Eventos

  
Jan Pedroza  
Coordinadora de Programación  
Coordinadora de Programa de Pre-Escolar



## MENSAJE DEL COORDINADOR DE MINISTERIOS CATEQUÉTICOS

Hermanas y hermanos,

Qué emoción me da dirigirme a ustedes para unirme a la bienvenida de nuestro Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2018: ¡Levántate! – Rise Up! – Hãy Đứng Lên!

Como ya estamos acostumbrados, este magno evento nos ofrece la oportunidad de celebrar nuestra fe, de reflexionar sobre sus misterios y de desafiar nuestra comodidad para salir a encontrarnos con el rostro de Cristo pintado en toda la creación. El evangelio del quinto domingo de cuaresma nos llama a levantarnos y a salir de cualquier agujero donde sea que nos encontremos.

Me imagino a Lázaro: yerto y bien acomodado en la obscuridad de la tumba. De repente una voz fuerte y a la vez sublime – “¡Levántate, sal de allí!” – no solo retumbaba en las paredes de aquella fosa, sino que actuaba como el más avanzado desfibrilador en el corazón de aquel muerto. A tal grado, que en un instante Lázaro retomó su vida y se puso a vivirla. Será un enorme placer volver a encontrarnos para recibir esa sacudida en nuestro corazón para que, igual que Lázaro, vivamos nuestras vidas con sentido y con decisión.

Hermanos y hermanas al servicio del pueblo de Dios, empecemos a prepararnos para disfrutar del congreso, para alimentar nuestra alma con la oración y la eucaristía y para enriquecer nuestra fe con los múltiples talleres disponibles.

En la paz de Cristo y al servicio de su pueblo,

  
Giovanni O. Perez Campos  
Coordinador de Ministerios Catequéticos



## ¡Adultos Jóvenes en el Congreso 2018!

Un ministerio para y desde los jóvenes de 18 a 39 años, casados y solteros



El Congreso de Educación Religiosa ofrece numerosas oportunidades para promover y capacitar a los adultos jóvenes en este vibrante ministerio. Este fin de semana es una excelente ocasión para que ellos renueven y revigoricen su vida espiritual y su compromiso en nuestra iglesia. Los adultos jóvenes están especialmente invitados a participar y compartir los diferentes momentos de oración, música, ambiente y alegría durante el congreso. Acompáñanos en la variedad de experiencias orientadas principalmente para ellos.



### LITURGIA DE ADULTOS JÓVENES

*Sábado, 17 de marzo a las 5:15 pm*

Este año, nuestra liturgia, “Esperanza para el mundo en la perspectiva de los jóvenes adultos,” es celebrada por el Rev. Daniel Horan, OFM, un fraile franciscano y teólogo que enseña en la Catholic Theological Union de Chicago. La música será dirigida por Steve Angrisano. Venga y adore con otros jóvenes de todo el mundo en esta celebración que destaca los regalos de los adultos jóvenes.



### BAILE PARA ADULTOS JÓVENES

*Sábado, 17 de marzo, 9:00 pm - medianoche*

*Costo: \$7 por persona*

Mantén el sábado en la noche el ambiente del Congreso. Nuestros DJs pondrán el ambiente y tomarán peticiones para que te “Levantes” y que te la pases increíble. Son bienvenidos los adultos jóvenes de 18 a 39 años. Se requiere identificación con fotografía para entrar. Tendremos una estación de agua de cortesía, así como un bar del hotel. NO se admitirán botellas ni contenedores de agua.

### TE INVITAMOS A CONSIDERAR ESTAS CONFERENCIAS PARA ADULTOS JÓVENES

Las siguientes conferencias abarcarán los temas de formación psicológica y espiritual de los adultos jóvenes. Extendemos una invitación particular a todos ellos y a quienes sirven en este ministerio. Sugerimos también la lectura de esta guía para una selección de conferencias que respondan a sus necesidades e intereses. (Las conferencias con un asterisco serán grabadas.)

**P. Carlos Alarcón**

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**Dr. Ansel Augustine**

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**Mary Bielski**

2-04\* The Good News About Desire, Sex and the Path to Freedom

**Julia Cano Valero**

8-53\* Violencia: El preocupante fenómeno de la violencia ejercida por unos seres humanos sobre otros

**P. James Clarke y grupo**

6-04\* Presenting an Evangelizing Catechesis: What Would That Look Like?

**Dr. Leonard DeLorenzo**

6-06\* Youth, Faith & Vocational Discernment: What We Should Think About for the Upcoming Vatican Synod

**Iván Díaz**

1-05\* Engaging Youth in Evangelization

7-55\* Comprometiendo jóvenes en la evangelización

**P. Dave Dwyer**

4-06 How to Answer Questions of Faith from Young Adults

**Santiago Fernández**

2-53 Selección de música apropiada para la Misa

**Rev. José-Román Flecha Andrés**

3-54\* Camino del amor

**P. Rob Galea**

1-08\* “I Can’t Even!” – Thriving and Surviving Stress and Anxiety

6-09\* Discerning God’s Will

**P. Timothy Gallagher**

4-09\* Living the Discerning Life: The Teaching of St. Ignatius of Loyola

**Ricardo Grzona**

2-54\* Los jóvenes: La vocación y la misión del catequista

**Douglas Leal**

7-14\* I Want to Go to THAT Church: Creating a Parish Where Adults and Young Adults Rise Up!

**P. Richard Leonard**

6-15 Synod 2018: Will Our Faith Have Young People?

**Juan Carlos Montenegro**

3-55\* Importancia de tener experiencias de voluntariado en la catequesis

**P. Agustino Torres**

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## ALABANZA MATUTINA Y ASAMBLEA GENERAL



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### MARÍA CLARA LUCCHETTI BINGEMER

Sala B – Sábado, 7:50-9:30 am

“¡La gloria de Dios es el ser humano vivo! (San Ireneo)” 🔊

San Ireneo de Lyon, un padre de la Iglesia, decía que el ser humano de pie, libre y asumiendo plenamente su vida. En esa reflexión, veremos cómo el proyecto del Reino de Dios presentado por Jesús de Nazaret viene a poner de pie a todos los excluidos de su tiempo: mujeres, niños, enfermos, paganos, gentiles. Veremos en seguida como el seguimiento de Jesús implica decir a todo hombre y toda mujer: “¡Levántate! ¡Toma tu camilla y camina!”

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- 7-54 Dialogo de sanación (\*)  
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- 7-56 Catequesis adaptiva: ¡Padres de familia son recursos indispensables! (\*)  
- Peter Ductram
- 7-57 Un sacerdote en YouTube, experiencia de evangelización en la periferia digital (\*)  
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- 7-59 Hombres y mujeres nuevas por la vida del Espíritu (Rom 8,11-17) (\*) - Lic. Juan Saju
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- 8-53 Violencia: El preocupante fenómeno de la violencia ejercida por unos seres humanos sobre otros (\*) - Julia Cano Valero
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- María Elena Ocegueda Juárez
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- Dra. Dora Tobar Mensbrughe





## I-51 UN EVANGELIO ENCARNADO EN LA VIDA DEL PUEBLO 🗣️ SALA B

Todo ministerio parroquial presume un Cristo encarnado en lo concreto de la cultura del pueblo. Eso se llama “inculturación.” Aquí, la invitación es mirar de cerca a nuestra experiencia como líderes parroquiales. ¿Cómo servir al pueblo, tomando en cuenta el aspecto multicultural de nuestras comunidades parroquiales? Hablemos de lo que es cultura, aculturación, enculturación e inculturación. ¡No, no es tan fácil!



**P. Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST**

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## I-52 ¡LEVÁNTATE CON ALEGRÍA MISIONERA! 🗣️

Dios nos llama constantemente a levantarnos y dar frutos abundantes. ¿Qué es lo que nos mantiene hoy atados a la desesperanza, al temor, a la muerte? Ven y descubre el llamado que Dios te hace a ti hoy para que te levantes con alegría a vivir una vida plena de amor, justicia y verdad. Esta sesión se basa en pasajes de las Sagradas Escrituras y de la Exhortación Apostólica, “La Alegría del Evangelio,” que nos ayudan a lograr una conversión personal, familiar y pastoral.



**Alejandro Aguilera-Titus**

*Alejandro Aguilera-Titus tiene 30 años de experiencia ministerial con énfasis en formación y catequesis, pastoral juvenil y familiar y justicia social. Es un conferencista y escritor reconocido a nivel nacional como teólogo práctico y pastoralista en contextos multiculturales. Actualmente, Aguilera-Titus es Director de la Pastoral Hispana en Estados Unidos Bajo, el Secretario de la Diversidad Cultural en la Iglesia (USCCB) y Director del Quinto Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana/Latina es el responsable nacional de la pastoral hispana bajo es Secretariado para la Diversidad Cultural en la Iglesia (USCCB). Además, es Profesor Adjunto en la Universidad de Dallas en Texas y es candidato al Doctorado en Ministerio en la Universidad de Barry.*

## I-53 LA ESCUCHA PROFUNDA: COMO CAMINO HACIA LA UNIÓN, TRANSFORMACIÓN Y SANACIÓN 🗣️

La escucha profunda es esencial para descubrir nuestra verdadera identidad y vivir en unión y armonía con Dios y su creación. El acto de vivir despiertos y atentos a la comunicación de Dios nos ayuda a fundar nuestras vidas en la roca sólida de su amor que nos sostiene en todos momentos de nuestras vidas. Jesús nos da tantos ejemplos de la importancia de este tipo de escucha no solo en su relación con Dios, sino también en la manera que pudo escuchar y sanar durante su ministerio. Esta sesión

cubrirá las prácticas espirituales que nos pueden ayudar a permanecer atentos a la voz de Dios como también consejos prácticos para crecer como ministros y desarrollar un escuch más profundamente y sanar en nuestros hogares, trabajos y ministerios.



**Elsy Arévalo, MA**

*Elsy Arévalo es una entrenadora con experiencia ocupando puestos de liderazgo en instituciones de formación y entrenamiento. Actualmente ella sirve como Subdirectora del Centro para la Religión y Espiritualidad en la Universidad de Loyola Marymount en Los Ángeles. En esa capacidad, coordina programas en el área de teología y espiritualidad. Su área de interés principal es dirección espiritual y espiritualidad cristiana. Arévalo fundó y dirige un programa de tres años en español para individuos interesados en prepararse como directores espirituales.*

## I-54 ¡FAMILIA, TÚ ERES FORMADORA DE DISCÍPULOS MISIONEROS! 🗣️

Así como la Iglesia, la misión fundamental de la familia es hacer discípulos misioneros. La evangelización y la catequesis tienen en su centro “la proclamación de Jesucristo y el llamado a un profundo discipulado misionero.” A la luz de las escrituras y la Exhortación Apostólica, “La Alegría del Evangelio,” reflexionaremos sobre los elementos vitales del discipulado aplicándolos a la familia; exploraremos los pasos para un discipulado misionero y sus consecuencias, y plantearemos el sueño del Papa Francisco sobre un discipulado activo y misionero que nos energiza y re-dedica como evangelizadores, catequistas, padres y familias de la comunidad de fe.



**María G. Covarrubias**

*María Covarrubias es directora del Ministerio para la Catequesis en la Diócesis de San Bernardino, California. Es autora de la Iniciativa Diocesana para el matrimonio y la familia de su diócesis. Ha sido conferencista a nivel local, regional y nacional sobre la catequesis, la familia y el matrimonio. Covarrubias es Presidenta de la Federación Nacional para la Catequesis con Hispanos. Catequista Maestra desde 1995 en los programas de formación básica y avanzada de catequistas. Presentadora en congresos de catequesis regionales y locales.*

## I-55 LA INMIGRACIÓN Y EL AMOR AL PRÓXIMO 🗣️

¿Rojo o azul, a favor o en contra, exclusión o santuario? ¿Es posible interpretar lo que requiere la fe en relación al prójimo de muchas formas, o solo de una? ¿Es los Estados Unidos una tierra perfecta llena de oportunidades y libertad, o una comunidad que tiene que examinar su conciencia y decidir ser mejor? La profesora Cecilia González-Andrieu presenta estas inquietudes a la luz de la historia y la situación actual, llamando a una respuesta verdaderamente cristiana de todas las personas de buena voluntad.



**Dra. Cecilia González-Andrieu**

*La Dra. Cecilia González-Andrieu es una profesora de teología en Loyola Marymount University en Los Ángeles. Su trabajo en educación, investigación y acción comunitaria se enfoca en entrelazar la teología sistemática, la ética y justicia social, la*

teología latina y las artes. Escritora galardonada, sus libros son "Bridge to Wonder: Art as a Gospel of Beauty" y "Teaching Global Theologies: Power & Praxis," además de muchos artículos. Dra. Gonzalez-Andrieu es conocida ensayista para la revista America y es parte de la Junta Directiva del Ignatian Solidarity Network. Ha presentado charlas en múltiples ocasiones y en todo el país.

## I-56 LA ESPIRITUALIDAD DE FRANCISCO A LA LUZ DE LA PALABRA

Presentación integral de la Espiritualidad que el papa Francisco nos transmite con sus palabras y su vida. Iremos relacionando las enseñanzas y gestos de Francisco con textos de la Biblia, descubriendo una espiritualidad que nace, se nutre y vive de la Palabra de Dios. En el capítulo final de *Evangelii Gaudium*, su "programa" para la Iglesia de nuestros días, Francisco comparte sus reflexiones acerca del Espíritu de la Nueva Evangelización. En estas enseñanzas y en sus gestos de vida, centraremos nuestra búsqueda de la Espiritualidad que propone Francisco, para ahondar sus raíces en la Palabra de Dios.



**Marcelo A. Murua**

Nació en Bariloche, Argentina, Marcelo Murua es un catequista y formador laico con 25 años de experiencia en cursos de formación de biblia, catequesis y espiritualidad, presenciales ya distancia. Especialista en diseño de Cursos de Formación Pastoral por internet, con más de 25 cursos en línea. Murua es miembro de la Sociedad de Catequetas Latinoamericanas (SCALA) y Coordinador Escuela Diaconado y Equipo de Animación Bíblica en la Diócesis de Bariloche, Argentina. Ha publicado más de 30 libros para distintas editoriales de habla hispana.

## I-57 LA IGLESIA QUE FUNDÓ JESÚS

Nuestra Iglesia Jesús la preparó durante su ministerio, Jesús se hizo de un grupo de 12 discípulos. Mientras realizaba su misión Jesús iba respondiendo a las preocupaciones de la gente que encontraba, también dando señales y haciendo milagros. Sus discípulos y un grupo de mujeres lo acompañaban y eran testigos del ministerio de Jesús. Antes de llegar a Jerusalén, Jesús dialoga con sus discípulos, y es entonces cuando anuncia la fundación de su Iglesia, le concede autoridad, y le promete que perdurara hasta el final.



**P. Clodomiro L. Siller-Acuña**

Nacido en Saltillo Coahuila, México, el Padre Clodomiro Siller es sacerdote diocesano de Tehuantepec. Coordinador del área de investigación y Consultoría del Centro Nacional de Misiones Indígenas en la Ciudad de México, donde colabora desde hace 40 años. Fue Secretario Ejecutivo de la Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Indígena del Episcopado Mexicano y Director del Centro Nacional de Misiones Indígenas. Él asesora a varias diócesis de México, América Latina y los Estados Unidos.

## I-58 SANTA ALEGRÍA: LA ESPIRITUALIDAD FRANCISCANA DE GOZO

San Francisco impartió al mundo una espiritualidad inolvidable. Y los santos de la Comunidad Franciscana han transmitido el mismo amor hacia los pobres, una alegría inapagable y una devoción a Cristo en los pobres. Esta conferencia hablara un poco de esa espiritualidad.



**P. Agustino Torres, CFR**

Originalmente del sur de Texas y descendencia mexicana, el P. Agustino Torres es Director de Evangelización de los Frailes Franciscanos de la Renovación en el Bronx, New York, y ahora sirve como miembro del Consejo General para su comunidad. P. Torres ha fundado y ayudado a establecer iniciativas como el Hospital San Benito José para los Pobres en Honduras, el Subterráneo Católico en la Ciudad de Nueva York, el Refugio de Renovación St. Anthony en el Bronx y es fundador y Presidente de Corazón Puro y Latinos por la Vida. Él predica regularmente en diferentes partes del mundo.

## I-59 LAS NUEVAS AGAR: MUJERES MIGRANTES COMO SUJETO DE LIBERACIÓN

En esta conferencia, reconoceremos el protagonismo de las mujeres migrantes como agentes de cambio y transformación social, como sujetos de evangelización y no como objetos de la misma. Nos inspiraran en el taller los relatos de algunas mujeres bíblicas que conectaremos con las luchas, sueños, rebeldías y aportaciones de las mujeres migrantes en nuestros contextos. Leer creyentemente la historia de la liberación de las mujeres a partir de experiencias concretas de mujeres migrantes.



**María José Torres Pérez**

Pepa Torres Pérez, una religiosa de la Congregación Apostólicas del Corazón de Jesús, es profesora en el Instituto Superior Pastoral de Madrid, España y Coordinadora del Seminario Interdisciplinar de Mujeres en diálogo. También es miembro de la Asociación de teólogas de España (ATE) y de la Asociación de teólogas de Europa (ESWRT). Torres recibió el premio Albacete en el año 2000 por el movimiento asociativo de mujeres por la promoción de los derechos de las mujeres presas. También el premio Alandar en el año 2009 por la promoción de los derechos de las personas migrantes.

## EN 1983

Mons. Lloyd Torgerson (a la derecha) se convirtió en Director de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa en 1983. En su personal se encontraba la Hna. Edith Prendergast, RSC (a la izquierda), que fue Consultora del Ministerio de Jovenes y se convertiría en la primera



mujer nombrada como Directora Asociada de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa. En 1985, Mons. Torgerson contrató a Adrian Whitaker como coordinadora de tiempo completo para el evento. Whitaker fue Coordinadora del Congreso por 18 años y se retiró después del Congreso de 2003.



## 2-51 RECORRIENDO LOS BOSQUES OSCUROS: EL VIAJE DEL TEMOR HACIA LAS BENDICIONES

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Estamos viviendo tiempos oscuros y difíciles. Muchas personas sienten que están atascados en un pantano, incapaces de moverse hacia ningún lado. Para otros, es como estar bailando con la muerte, preguntándose si el final está cerca. Ya sea que veamos nuestra situación de manera individual o colectivamente, debemos aprender como elevarnos hacia una nueva conciencia religiosa y madura. Tal vez Dante, el poeta de la Edad Media, tiene una sabiduría útil para nosotros en estos tiempos de incertidumbre.



**P. James Clarke, PhD**

*El Padre Jim Clarke es el Director de la Oficina para la Nueva Evangelización de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Con una amplia formación académica en el campo de la espiritualidad, la educación de adultos, el asesoramiento, el ritual y la psicología profunda, el Padre Clarke es el Director Espiritual Asociado en la casa de Oración Cardenal Manning para Sacerdotes y anteriormente director de Formación Espiritual en el Seminario de San Juan en Camarillo, California. Habla inglés y español con fluidez, su trabajo y la educación lo ha llevado a Israel, México, Canadá, África, Europa, Australia, Guam y Samoa Americana.*

## 2-52 LEVÁNTATE: EL MENSAJE Y LLAMADO DE LA ENCÍCLICA, LAUDATO SÍ

Esta sesión explora los temas centrales de la Encíclica, *Laudato Sí*, del Papa Francisco, con énfasis en el llamado que hace a fomentar una espiritualidad ecológica transformadora y a levantar una solidaridad universal nueva para que toda persona y comunidad colabore en la protección y el cuidado de nuestra casa común.



**María Pilar Aquino**

*Dra. María Pilar Aquino, es profesora de teología y estudios religiosos en la Universidad de San Diego, California. Ella tiene más de 30 años de trabajo como profesora universitaria y conferencista en prominentes foros nacionales e internacionales. Actualmente presta servicios profesionales en la Academia de Teólogos Hispanos/Latinos de los Estados Unidos, en el Comité Internacional del Foro Mundial de Teología y Liberación, y es Vice-Presidenta de la Sociedad Teológica Católica de América.*

## 2-53 SELECCIÓN DE MÚSICA APROPIADA PARA LA MISA

En esta sesión, Santiago Fernández hablará de los criterios para la selección de música litúrgica apropiada, la forma en la que el canto litúrgico debe unificar a la parroquia, la diferencia entre música cristiana de alabanza y música litúrgica apta para nuestra Misa católica, el repertorio musical balanceado, el uso de diferentes instrumentos y ritmos en la Misa y la participación de la asamblea reunida. Esta conferencia se basa en los documentos oficiales de la Iglesia y en las experiencias de este reconocido expositor que tiene más de 30 años de trayectoria en el ministerio litúrgico musical. ¡Vengan

listos para aprender y cantar!



**Santiago Fernández**

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## 2-54 LOS JÓVENES: LA VOCACIÓN Y LA MISIÓN DEL CATEQUISTA

El Papa Francisco convocó a la Iglesia en Octubre de 2018 a un Sínodo sobre el tema de “los jóvenes, la vocación y el discernimiento.” Nosotros nos preguntamos, ¿cuál es la misión del catequista y del evangelizador en este delicado tema del discernimiento? En esta sesión, revisaremos algunos de los llamados en la Biblia y haremos un ejercicio de *Lectio Divina* con un tema vocacional.



**Ricardo Grzona**

*Ricardo Grzona fue rector de la Universidad Champagnat de Mendoza, Argentina, ciudad donde nació. Dirigió Departamentos de Educación y Catequesis del Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano (CELAM). Grzona actualmente es Presidente de la Fundación Ramón Pane en Miami, Florida. Ha dedicado su vida a formar en la espiritualidad bíblica a catequistas y jóvenes. Dirige los programas de Lectio Divina para jóvenes y para niños con miles de seguidores en todas las Américas.*

## 2-55 MOVIMIENTO DE “TRABAJO DE LA IGLESIA” A “FORMANDO DISCÍPULOS MISIONEROS”

¿Cómo te llama Dios a servir hoy? Es cuando escuchamos el llamado que encontramos claridad, alegría y gratitud. Parte de discernir el llamado de Dios es entender cómo trabajar para fomentar a discípulos misioneros, y eso implica dejarnos a nosotros mismos para escuchar verdaderamente, crecer en fidelidad y confiar a donde Dios nos está llamando a estar presentes para servir y ser testigos. Caminemos con el deseo de comenzar cada día preguntando “¿A qué me está llamando Dios a hacer hoy?” e invitar a otros a hacer lo mismo.



**Christina Lamas**

*Christina Lamas entró en el campo del ministerio de adolescentes después de 10 años de voluntariado en su parroquia de origen. Ella ocupó los puestos de Directora Asociada y Coordinadora de División de la Pastoral Juvenil de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Lamas se ha presentado a audiencias regionales, nacionales e internacionales. Con más de 20 años de experiencia en la catequesis y el ministerio juvenil, ahora es Directora Ejecutiva de la Federación Nacional de Pastoral Juvenil Católica, con sede en Washington, D.C.*

## 2-56 LEVÁNTATE Y CAMINA 🗣️

“El que acoge a un niño como este en mi nombre, me acoge a mí; y el que me acoge a mí, no me acoge a mí, sino al que me ha enviado” (Me 9,37; cf. Mt 18,5; Lc 9,48; Jn 13,20). Con estas palabras, los evangelistas recuerdan a la comunidad cristiana una enseñanza de Jesús que apasiona y, a la vez, compromete. Estas palabras en la dinámica de la acogida trazan el camino seguro que conduce a Dios, partiendo de los más pequeños y pasando por el Salvador (Santo Padre Francisco, enero 2017). ¿Cómo responder a esta realidad? En la Frontera México y los Estados Unidos la Iglesia está muy activa en ayudando nuestras hermanas/os en caminar después de la horrible experiencia de la deportación.



**Rev. Peter Neeley, SJ**

*Rev. Peter Neeley, sacerdote jesuita por más de 33 años, ha trabajado con los más pobres y desprotegidos en California, México, Centro América, en parroquias, escuelas y centros de detención. Es Director de programas de la organización “Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera” y es Co-Director de programas en educación. Rev. Neeley trabaja con migrantes deportados de Estados Unidos a Nogales, México, y con migrantes en movimiento hasta los Estados Unidos. También es Co-Director de los “Kino Teens” programa para involucrar jóvenes en la cuestiones de inmigración en la nivel nacional en los Estados Unidos y en México.*

## 2-57 LA FORMACIÓN DE LOS EVANGELIOS EN EL IMPERIO ROMANO 🗣️

En el año 70 d.C. Roma destruyó Jerusalén dando fin así en Palestina a las revueltas judías que habían estallado desde los tiempos de Nerón. De entre los escombros de la guerra, la figura de Jesús de Nazaret fue adquiriendo relevancia a través de los evangelios escritos. En esta conferencia, recorreremos al lado de los evangelistas el convulso trasfondo histórico que vivió la segunda generación donde en medio de la locura romana por el dominio y el poder, el evangelio se escribió y se reveló como la auténtica respuesta de Dios. Veinte siglos después, ese evangelio continúa transformando al mundo.



**Mario P. Romero**

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**EN 1967**

con la cooperación de las diócesis de Monterrey-Fresno y San Diego, se planificó la agenda del primer “Congreso” de tres días. En 13 al 15 de enero se celebró el primer “Southern California Confraternity Congress” en el International Hotel cerca Los Angeles International Airport.

## 2-58 EL SEÑOR ESCUCHA AL CLAMOR DE SU PUEBLO: EL ECUMENISMO, UNA RESPUESTA UNIDA A LA NECESIDAD DE LOS MARGINALIZADOS 🗣️

Jesús nos dijo en el evangelio según San Juan 17:20-21: “Ruego también por los que han de creer en mí por el mensaje de ellos, para que todos sean uno. Padre, así como tu estas en mí y yo en ti, permite que ellos también estén en nosotros, para que el mundo crea que tú me has enviado.” Es difícil alcanzar a la unidad en Cristo. Sin embargo, cuando vemos los sufrimientos de nuestro pueblo hoy en día, el amor de Cristo nos conmueve todas las iglesias, protestantes, pentecostales y católicas romanas a responder. No hay duda de que podemos hacer más juntos que separados. Esta sesión presenta modelos para involucrar una variedad de congregaciones y ministerios en una respuesta eficaz a las necesidades de los inmigrantes y pobres, buscando el shalom de la cuidad.



**Rvda. Alexia Salvatierra**

*La Rvda. Alexia Salvatierra ha servido a la comunidad por más de 35 años, usualmente en contextos ecuménicos. Fue la co-fundadora del Nuevo Movimiento Santuario, la Mesa Evangélica para la Reforma Inmigratoria, los Ángeles de la Guardia, y Mateo 25. Está enseñando ahora como profesora en cinco instituciones académicas cristianas, sirve como Pastora Asociada, coordina la ONG Ángeles de la Guardia para ministrar a los niños no acompañados de Centroamérica y trabaja como consultante internacional. Rvda. Salvatierra es la autora de “Faith-Rooted Organizing” (Organizando al Pueblo Enraizado en la Fe).*



**Dr. Juan Francisco Martínez**

*Juan Martínez es profesor de Estudios Hispanos y Liderazgo Pastoral en el Seminario Teológico Fuller de Pasadena, California. Ha servido como vice presidente, encargado de asuntos de diversidad y ministerios intencionales y como director académico del Centro para Estudio de Iglesia y Comunidad Latina en Fuller. También fue rector del Seminario Anabautista Latinoamericano en Guatemala. Es pastor ordenado de la Iglesia Hermanos Menonitas. Su trabajo académico se enfoca en el protestantismo latino en los Estados Unidos y en la migración mundial. En particular le interesa la formación de identidades transnacionales y el papel de la fe en la vida de los inmigrantes. Martínez también ha sido pastor, fundador de iglesias y director de un instituto bíblico.*



**P. Michael D. Gutiérrez**

*El Padre Mike Gutiérrez ha sido sacerdote católico diocesano por 24 años. Previamente fue párroco de la Iglesia Católica de Santa Ana y ahora es párroco de San Juan Bautista en Baldwin Park, California, una comunidad de más de 10,000 familias, ha fomentado el activismo social y la diversidad cultural, luchando por los derechos de los inmigrantes en su comunidad y edificando ministerios hispanos y filipinos. Ha sido reconocido por la Legislatura del Estado de California, el Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, y muchas otras organizaciones por su apoyo y servicio incansable a la justicia social.*



**2-59 CON CRISTO ¡VUESTRA TRISTEZA SE CONVERTIRÁ EN GOZO! (JN 16,20)** 🎧

En medio de los problemas de injusticia que ocasiona la desigualdad social en la que vivimos, las enfermedades y los problemas familiares, nosotros cristianos tenemos a Jesús que nos ayuda a encontrar el camino de salvación. La esperanza en que finalmente cantaremos de alegría y que mientras caminamos entre las dificultades, tenemos el consuelo y muchas veces el gozo de que no estamos solos, Jesús es el primero que no nos abandona y junto a él tenemos el consuelo y la compañía de nuestros hermanos y hermanas cristianos.



**Lic. Juan Pablo Saju**

*El Lic. Juan Pablo Saju nació en Mendoza, Argentina. En su paso por Hong Kong, China, se desempeñó como profesor de Biblia en el Instituto Bíblico diocesano de Hong Kong, y fue miembro del equipo de traducción de la Biblia al chino en el Instituto Bíblico Franciscano de esta misma ciudad. En la actualidad, es Profesor del Instituto Bíblico Católico de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Es profesor en línea de Antropología Cristiana y Mariología en la Universidad FASTA de Argentina, y Profesor de Latín y Formación Cristiana en colegios secundarios de Mendoza, Argentina, además de desempeñarse como conferencista sobre temas relativos a la teología bíblica.*

**1970** fue el primer año en que el Congreso de Educación Religiosa se trasladó al Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim. Funcionarios de construcción del Centro de Convenciones se preocupan de que la Sala de Anaheim (fotografiada) y otros lugares estuvieran vacíos.



**3-51 NUESTRO FINES, NUESTRO COMIENZO: VIVIR LA ESPIRITUALIDAD DE LA CRUZ** SALA B

¡Levántate! Si algo nos enseña el misterio Pascual es que no hay comienzo nuevo, no hay vida sin primero pasar por la oscuridad, el silencio y aun por el lecho de la muerte. La vida de oración, base de toda espiritualidad cristiana, requiere del saber morir a todo lo que me impide estar en presencia de Dios. En esta conferencia, vamos a reflexionar sobre la diferencia entre rezar y orar, entre seguir al Crucificado y vivir conscientemente nuestro vía crucis en la vida diaria, para ser verdaderos discípulos misioneros, enviados a proclamar la alegría del Evangelio.



**Hna. Hilda Mateo, MGSps, DMin**

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**3-52 SIN CONTAR A LAS MUJERES Y LOS NIÑOS** 🎧

Jesús hizo toda una revolución en su manera de tratar y llamar a las mujeres. Las admite al discipulado con la misma igualdad que a los discípulos hombres; las hace beneficiarias privilegiadas de sus milagros, las muestra como ejemplo para los otros discípulos, las incluye en toda situación. ¿Cómo puede ello incidir hoy en la Iglesia, en la teología, en la pastoral y la vida espiritual? El proyecto del Reino de Dios, del cual la Iglesia es servidora, es llamado a decirle a las mujeres: ¡Levántate! contra la violencia doméstica; del desprecio de la vida humana; de la interiorización de las mujeres en la sociedad y en la Iglesia. En la Iglesia como mayoría, las mujeres son llamadas a solidarizarse para promover su liberación y la de los demás.



**María Clara Lucchetti Bingemer**

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## 3-53 ¿ENTENDEMOS LO QUE DECIMOS AL CASARNOS? ☞

“¿Los nervios me engañaron y no sé qué dije cuando me casé!” o “Ya pasaron los años y lo que prometimos se quedó en el ayer”: ¿Quién de nosotros no ha escuchado estas y otras frases similares de parejas que han perdido el sentido de su sacramento y compromiso matrimonial? Hoy en día urge refrescar y profundizar la teología del matrimonio. Estudiaremos el contenido del consentimiento matrimonial desde la exhortación apostólica, *Amoris Laetitia*, del Papa Francisco. Ya que todo catequista tiene la misión de enseñar (con la vida más que las palabras) la grandeza del amor de Dios que el matrimonio está llamado a reflejar, esta conferencia les ayudara a mejor preparar a tantos jóvenes que un día se casaran y también a mejor acompañar a los padres de sus estudiantes.



**Hna. Karla Felix-Rivera, VDMF, JCL**

La Hna. Karla Felix-Rivera es misionera de la Fraternidad Misionera Verbum Dei y lleva más de 17 años dedicándose a la evangelización, en español e inglés. Es canonista y enseña derecho canónico en el programa de diaconado permanente y es defensora del vínculo matrimonial en el proceso de nulidad matrimonial en la diócesis de Sacramento, California. La Hna. Felix ha dado conferencias sobre la teología matrimonial en Congresos de Educación Religiosa 2016-2017, e imparte conferencias en programas de liderazgo parroquiales y retiros matrimoniales en varias diócesis.

## 3-54 CAMINO DEL AMOR ☞

El amor es el gran don de Dios, que es amor. Pero ese don nos es entregado como una tarea y una misión que estamos llamados a realizar. Siguiendo la exhortación, “La alegría del amor,” del papa Francisco, esta conferencia quiere orientarnos a descubrir, celebrar y testimoniar el amor tanto en el noviazgo y en el matrimonio como en la vocación al celibato.



**Rev. José-Román Flecha**

El Padre José-Román Flecha es un sacerdote de la Diócesis de León, España, en la que ha sido párroco. Es Profesor Emérito de la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca en España y profesor invitado por varias universidades internacionales. El Padre Flecha es miembro del Comité Científico del “Instituto Paolo VI” de Brescia, Italia; miembro de la Comisión de Estudios en la Congregación para la Educación Católica de Santa Sede; y miembro del Comité de Bioética para el Asesoramiento del Banco Nacional de ADN y del Comité de Bioética de la Universidad de Salamanca. Trabajos apostólico en Los Ángeles; Buffalo, New York; y en Panamá, Costa Rica y Chile.

## 3-55 IMPORTANCIA DE TENER EXPERIENCIAS DE VOLUNTARIADO EN LA CATEQUESIS ☞

Si queremos ayudar a que los jóvenes se enamoren de Dios, es importante ayudarles a que no solo conozcan las reglas de la Iglesia católica, sino también que desarrollen una relación con Dios. Esta relación será la que haga que ellos cuando se confirmen “gradúen de la confirmación” sigan participando activamente en la Iglesia y se con-

viertan en discípulos misioneros que vayan a transformar los lugares a donde no llegamos como iglesia. Esta conferencia habla de la importancia de la experiencia vivencial del joven a través de un voluntariado y como esta experiencia les cambia la vida.



**Juan Carlos Montenegro**

Juan Carlos Montenegro empezó a los 19 años como misionero en la selva Amazónica. Radica en Bellflower, California, donde actualmente promueve el espíritu del voluntariado misionero Salesiano a nivel mundial como Coordinador de la Pastoral Juvenil y Coordinador del Voluntariado Salesiano. Montenegro es un conferencista internacional y actualmente está estudiando un doctorando en sociología con el enfoque de su estudio es sobre como una experiencia de voluntariado cambia la vida de los jóvenes.

## 3-56 LA COMUNICACIÓN COMO MISIÓN DE LA IGLESIA ☞

Comunicar en la Iglesia no es “opcional” – es la propia misión de la Iglesia. Comunicación no puede a “tecnología,” a “estrategias” o “métodos,” fundamentalmente comunicación habla de Karigma.



**Mons. Lucio Adrian Ruiz**

Mons. Lucio Ruiz es un sacerdote argentino experto en tecnología. Desde el 2000 realiza su servicio al Papa en distintos Dicasterios y oficinas de la Santa Sede. El Papa Francisco lo nombró miembro de la comisión “Vatican Media Center” para la reforma de las medias de comunicación del Vaticano y con la creación del nuevo Dicasterio de la Curia Romana en el año 2015 el Santo Padre lo nombró Secretario de la Secretaría para la Comunicación. Es Profesor en la Facultad de comunicaciones en la Pontificia Universidad de la Santa Cruz, Roma. Fue docente invitado en La Pontificia Universidad Gregoriana.

## 3-57 LA FAMILIA Y LOS SACRAMENTOS DE INICIACIÓN ☞

El ultimo sínodo sobre la familia y la carta encíclica del Papa Francisco, *Amoris Laetitia* (La alegría del Amor), ve en la función de los padres y la relación de los esposos, un verdadero ministerio, indispensable en la evangelización e iniciación sacramental de los hijos así como la conformación de la Iglesia. Eso hace de la familia la primera estructura eclesial, y por tanto, la primera mediadora de gracias y salvación. Estas declaraciones son una verdadera revelación del misterio de la familia y una novedad extraordinaria para la evangelización de las futuras generaciones.



**Dra. Dora Tobar van der Mensbrugghe**

Dra. Dora Tobar es Directora de la Oficina de Vida Familiar y Ministerio Hispano en la Diócesis de Lafayette, Indiana. Desde joven ha servido la Iglesia en distintos ministerios y los últimos años ha sido na conferencista y profesora invitada en muchos institutos de formación pastoral, diócesis dentro de los Estados Unidos y otros países. Desafió el programa denominado “La Pareja Feliz” y fue redactora en jefe de la página web [www.PortuMatrimonio.org](http://www.PortuMatrimonio.org) para las parejas hispanas de la Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos.



### 3-58 CATÓLICO Y GAY: RESPUESTAS A LAS PREGUNTAS PASTORALES MÁS BÁSICAS 🎧

Continuando con el dialogo sobre como servir a la comunidad de católicos gay y lesbianas a la luz del evangelio, estaremos tratando algunas de las preguntas más comunes. ¿Qué debo hacer cuando uno de mis estudiantes de catecismo sale del closet? ¿Cuándo es apropiado enfocarse en cuidado pastoral vs. doctrina? ¿Cómo podemos ser más hospitalarios hacia los Católicos LGBT? ¿Cómo puedo comenzar un ministerio para/con personas LGBT o un ministerio de apoyo para padres de Católicos LGBT en mi parroquia? ¿Cuáles son los retos más comunes? ¿Cómo comunicar la necesidad de estos ministerios al resto de la comunidad parroquial? Trataremos estas y otras preguntas.



**Yunuen M. Trujillo**

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**P. Carlos Alarcón**

*Nació en Guadalajara, México, el Padre Carlos Alarcón fue maestro de primaria antes de ingresar con los Misioneros Oblatos de María Inmaculada. Es director espiritual del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial en San Fernando, California, y predicador de misiones de fines de semana. Previamente él servía como Director de Vocaciones en el área del Pacífico de la Provincia de Estados Unidos de los Misioneros Oblatos de María Inmaculada y como Vicario de ambas parroquias en la archidiócesis de Los Angeles, de María Inmaculada en Pacoima y St. Ferdinand.*

### 3-59 LOS RETOS DE LA CULTURA PLURAL ACTUAL A LA CRISTOLOGÍA 🎧

Partimos de una somera descripción de la sensibilidad de nuestra cultura: líquida, pluralista, con una cristiandad en desmoronamiento y entendiendo el factor religioso como viaje espiritual y satisfacción emocional. Desde ahí abordamos los retos y posibilidades para presentar la fe cristológica sintetizado en cuatro preguntas de Jesucristo: 1) ¿solamente un personaje histórico?; 2) ¿un líder religioso entre tantos?; 3) ¿un guía para mi bienestar espiritual?; y 4) ¿mi Salvador? Como conclusión, se indican líneas fundamentales para la proponer la fe en Jesucristo en este magma cultural.



**P. Gabino Uríbarri Bilbao, SJ**

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**1966:** El proyecto "Arenatorium" comienza la construcción. **1967:** Ceremonias de inauguración el 12 de julio con el alcalde de Anaheim y otros dignatarios. **1974:** El 17 de enero el Centro de Convenciones celebra la inauguración de "Betterment I" (Sala B) con un costo de \$16.9 millones. **2017:** La ceremonia de corte de cinta para el edificio ACC Norte fue el 26 de septiembre. En asistencia (foto inferior al centro, de izquierda a derecha) el personal de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa Joanna Aguilar, Natalie Aviles, Chris Krause, Victoria Radleigh Smith, Jan Pedroza, P. Chris Bazzyouros y Paulette Smith.

1966



1967



1974



2017



## 4-51 ¿A TI QUE TE PREGUNTA JESÚS? 🎧 SALA B

Sabemos que en los Evangelios son muy abundantes las preguntas que Jesús dirige a sus discípulos y a todos los que le siguen. Pero también en este tiempo él dirige una pregunta concreta a cada uno de nosotros. La conferencia pretende animarnos a escuchar esas preguntas que Jesús nos dirige cada día. Y a alentar a los demás para que escuchen esa pregunta personal.



**Rev. José-Román Flecha**

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## 4-52 MUJERES SANAS, MUJERES SABIAS: LA POTENCIA DEL ALMA FEMENINA 🎧

Escribía Clarissa Pinkola: "Una mujer sana se parece mucho a una loba: robusta, colmada, tan poderosa como la fuerza vital, dadora de vida, consciente de su propio territorio, ingeniosa, leal, en constante movimiento." Tradicionalmente, y aun hoy, la mujer es depositaria de valores humanos esenciales. Las abuelas, las madres, han sido las mejores trasmisoras de espiritualidad, los mejores ejemplos de entrega y amor que la vida puede ofrecernos. No siempre esto es así: la mujer dañada, la que no se le ha permitido ser ella misma, la que ha sido marcada por el sufrimiento, no puede desplegar esa potencia vital.



**Julia Cano Valero**

*Julia Cano Valero nació en el sur de España, donde desde 1982 es Profesora Asociada en el Departamento de Neurociencias en la Universidad de Cádiz. Doctora en medicina con especialidad en psiquiatría trabaja en la práctica privada como médico psiquiatra. Es miembro de la Sociedad Española de Psiquiatría, de la Sociedad Española de Psiquiatría Legal y del Grupo de Estudios Psiquiátrico-Legales de Andalucía (GEPLA).*

## 4-53 PREDICANDO LA SOLIDARIDAD GLOBAL 🎧

El Papa Francisco nos llama a rechazar la "globalización de la indiferencia." Esta sesión explica lo que es la solidaridad global, su trasfondo bíblico y magistral, y como podemos enseñar, predicar y vivirlo en nuestra parroquia y en nuestros ministerios. Explicamos un método de tres pasos para predicar eficazmente.



**Rev. David García**

*El Padre David García es el Director de las Antiguas Misiones Españolas de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, donde él es el administrador parroquial de la Misión Concepción. Es el asesor superior de Alcance para los Servicios Católicos de Ayuda del*

*Clero (CRS). El Padre García ha publicado numerosos artículos sobre una variedad de temas religiosos para muchas publicaciones importantes y ha sido rector de 1995 a 2008 en la Catedral de San Fernando en San Antonio, Texas. En 2001, esa parroquia fue citada en Excelentes Parroquias Católicas como una de las parroquias más destacadas del país.*

## 4-54 METODOLOGÍA PARA LA EXPLICACIÓN TEOLÓGICA DE LOS SACRAMENTOS 🎧

La renovación y revisión profunda de los actuales procesos de iniciación cristiana piden que en los itinerarios que ofrezcan las comunidades estén orientadas por una adecuada teología de los sacramentos de iniciación (bautismo, confirmación y Eucaristía). Pues es la teología la que debe orientar la práctica y no siempre se ha hecho así.



**Manuel Jiménez Rodríguez**

*Manuel Rodríguez es presbítero de la arquidiócesis de Bogotá, Colombia con 29 años de ministerio. Fue miembro del equipo de expertos del CELAM para los países Bolivarianos en catequesis y asesor externo de la Conferencia Episcopal de Colombia en catequesis. Un docente y miembro de redes de investigación en teología y pastoral, es un consultor del Pontificio Consejo para la Promoción de la Nueva Evangelización y coordinador del área de catequesis de Centro de formación para la nueva evangelización y catequesis UNIMINUTO en Colombia. Actualmente es Director de Catequesis y Coordinador del Proyecto de Iniciación Cristiana en la arquidiócesis de Bogotá.*

## 4-55 ENCUENTRO: JESÚS, MARÍA Y EL PUEBLO HISPANO 🎧

Los evangelios nos describen varios encuentros transformadores entre María y Jesús: el nacimiento, las bodas de Caná, el camino al Calvario y la cruz. En estos encuentros, los cuales juegan un papel importante en los ritos populares del pueblo hispano, descubrimos elementos importantes de espiritualidad cristiana. Hoy más que nunca Papa Francisco y el proceso del V Encuentro Nacional Hispano de Pastoral nos invitan a contemplar la relación entre Jesús y María como fuente de inspiración para el discipulado. En esta conferencia, reflexionaremos sobre la influencia de estos encuentros entre María y Jesús en la espiritualidad hispana.



**Hosffman Ospino, PhD**

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**4-56 CULTURA DEL ENCUENTRO EN LA ERA DIGITAL** 🎧

El papa Francisco nos llama a crear una cultura del encuentro que tienda puentes y no levante muros. Esta llamada también sirve para el medio digital. Las redes sociales y la digitalización de la cultura son un verdadero reto para la humanidad. La Iglesia está llamada a llevar la luz del Evangelio a este nuevo ámbito. En esta sesión, el Padre Daniel Pajuelo compartirá su experiencia e intuiciones sobre esta apasionante tarea.



**P. Daniel Pajuelo Vázquez**

*El Padre Daniel Pajuelo, un sacerdote de la Compañía de María (Marianistas), es Profesor de secundaria y bachillerato. Responsable de pastoral del colegio Hermanos Amorós en Madrid, España, y co-fundador de iMisión. Desde 2012 ha sido conferencista y tallerista de temas relacionados con la Iglesia y medios sociales, este último año se ha dedicado especialmente a su canal de YouTube, como una forma para llegar a un público joven y alejado de la Iglesia, incluso al ateo.*

**1984**

La Liturgia de Clausura en el Congreso, celebrada del 25 de marzo de 1984 en la Arena con el tema, "El Señor está con nosotros."

**4-57 PARA LEVANTARSE, HAY QUE CUESTIONAR SI ESTAMOS CAÍDOS** 🎧

**P. Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST (biografía 1-51)**

Más que nunca, nuestro Pueblo Hispano se siente amenazado por la situación política, social, económica y religiosa de la nación. En ese contexto es que nos toca vivir nuestra fe. Se pierde el ánimo y se pierde la esperanza. En un breve análisis, hablemos de lo que nos hace decaer el ánimo y toda la experiencia comunitaria. Miremos de cerca algunos de los elementos que nos afectan en la vivencia de nuestra fe.

**4-58 LEVANTAR PUENTES: UNA ESPIRITUALIDAD PARA SALTAR FRONTERAS** 🎧

**María Torres Pérez (biografía 1-59)**

Las fronteras constituyen un desafío a la vivencia y práctica de nuestra fe. Nos retan a amar políticamente a alzar puentes en lugar de muros y a cultivar el sacramento de la proximidad desde una espiritualidad del cuidado y una praxis samaritana.

**4-59 PROYECTO DE ACEPTACIÓN FAMILIAR: MITOS Y REALIDADES SOBRE LA COMUNIDAD GAY** 🎧

**Yunuen Trujillo y P. Carlos Alarcón (biografía 3-58)**

Mucho hemos escuchado hablar sobre el dichoso "estilo de vida homosexual," frase comúnmente usada para representar a la comunidad LGBT como "llena de pecado" (uso de drogas, alcohol, promiscuidad, suicidio). ¿Qué tan cierto es este estereotipo? En esta conferencia presentaremos los resultados del estudio más relevante sobre el tema de la Universidad Estatal de San Francisco. Hablaremos sobre el efecto del rechazo familiar en la salud espiritual, emocional, y física de las personas LGBT. Puesto que la comunidad parroquial es como una segunda familia, ¿de qué manera el rechazo de parte de los miembros de la Iglesia empeora (o no) los efectos negativos mencionados aquí?

**5-51 NO BASTA LA JUSTICIA; ES NECESARIO EL PERDÓN** 🎧 **SALA B**

El Papa Francisco, durante su visita a Colombia en septiembre, explicó cómo se debe conseguir la reconciliación en un país sumido en una guerra fratricida durante más de 50 años. No basta pasar por los cuatro momentos de un arduo proceso: verdad, justicia, perdón y reparación. Hay que sanar las heridas producidas durante un conflicto armada o en la vida cotidiana. Por eso la Iglesia debe convertirse en un "hospital de campaña." Se consigue la verdadera reconciliación si creemos firmemente que "el odio no tiene la última palabra; el amor es más fuerte que la muerte y la violencia."



**Cardenal Gregorio Rosa Chávez**

*El Cardenal Gregorio Rosa Chávez es el primer cardenal salvadoreño en El Salvador. El Papa Francisco lo nombró en junio de 2017, después de servir como Obispo Auxiliar de San Salvador. Fue ordenado sacerdote de la Diócesis de San Miguel. Un abogado dedicado a los pobres y marginados, el Cardenal Chávez encabezó la oficina de Comunicaciones de la Arquidiócesis de San Salvador bajo la dirección del beato Oscar Romero. Fue rector y profesor de teología en el Seminario Central de San José de la Montaña. El Cardenal Chávez es el actual presidente de CARITAS El Salvador, CARITAS de América Latina y el Caribe y pastor de la parroquia de San Francisco en San Salvador, El Salvador.*

## 5-52 LEVÁNTATE: CONVICCIONES CRISTIANAS PARA SUPERAR LA VIOLENCIA CONTRA LAS MUJERES

María Pilar Aquino (biografía 2-52)

Basada en una comprensión de la religión como fuerza motivadora para el cambio social constructivo, esta centrales que sostienen y orientan la intervención de la comunidad eclesial para cambiar los patrones sociales de violencia hacia las mujeres.

## 5-53 HACIA UNA ESPIRITUALIDAD PARA LA TRANSICIÓN CULTURAL

María del Carmen Bracamontes Ayón (biografía 2-52)

Se habla continuamente de que nos encontramos no en un tiempo de muchos cambios, sino en un cambio de época. Estas realidades de transformación e innovación continuas nos invitan a desarrollar una espiritualidad que tome en cuenta la vida integral de las personas. Una espiritualidad que se comprometa con la calidad de vida de todas las personas, particularmente aquellas que se encuentran en riesgo de ser descartadas, como afirma el Papa Francisco. Una espiritualidad que nos lleve a salir aprisa al encuentro de la vida en las Periferias Existenciales.

## 5-54 EL BAUTISMO Y EL SACERDOCIO COMÚN: CONFRONTANDO EL CLERICALISMO

El Papa Francisco ha dicho que “todo está dado en el bautismo.” Él insiste en el papel fundamental que este sacramento juega en la vida del cristiano/católico y de la Iglesia. En estos tiempos, la identidad evangelizadora de la Iglesia requiere un fuerte reconocimiento del sacerdocio común y de la invitación que todos los bautizados han recibido para ser discípulos misioneros. El clericalismo ese un gran obstáculo para este. ¿Cómo se entiende el clericalismo y como se puede reducir?



Rev. Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ

Reconocido nacional e internacionalmente como experto en la pastoral hispana en los Estados Unidos, el Padre Allan Figueroa Deck lleva casi 40 años de servicio en la Iglesia como administrador de una parroquia latina, director diocesano de la pastoral hispana en Orange County, California, y asesor de los obispos de California y de los Estados Unidos. El P. Deck es fundador del Instituto Hispano de la Escuela Jesuita de Teología en Berkeley, California, del Instituto Loyola para la Espiritualidad en Orange, California, y co-fundador de la Academia de Teólogos Hispanos (ACHTUS). Patrocinado por Renew International, su programa para la formación en la fe y justicia social, La justicia brota de la fe, se estrena en diócesis y parroquias a través de los Estados Unidos.

## 5-55 ¡DE PIE! CATOLICISMO POPULAR, REBELDÍA Y ESPERANZA

Con mucha frecuencia suponemos que el catolicismo popular se reduce a devociones. Sin embargo, lo más importante en el catolicismo popular es la esperanza

que, como combustible, le lleva a desafiar al mundo que margina a los más vulnerables. Porque el catolicismo del pueblo cree en un Dios que no olvida a los pobres, sino que actúa a su favor. Si oramos por lo que necesitamos es porque no lo tenemos: lo que también significa que el mundo desde el que oramos no es un mundo según la voluntad de Dios, porque Dios no quiere ni nunca ha querido que pasemos necesidades o sufrimientos, ni que nos falte lo básico para vivir. En esta sesión, reflexionaremos sobre las relaciones y consecuencias entre la fe del pueblo, la esperanza y el amor que realmente transforma la realidad.



Dr. Orlando Espín

Dr. Orlando Espín es Profesor de Teología en la Universidad de San Diego, California. Ha sido dos veces presidente de la Academia de Teólogos Hispanos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Espín es autor y/o editor de 10 libros y de más de 400 artículos teológicos en revistas especializadas de todo el mundo. Considerado uno de los principales teólogos latinos de la Estados Unidos. En 2016, fue galardonado con el Premio “John Courtney Murray,” el premio más prestigioso en teología católica.

## 5-56 ¡LEVÁNTATE, RESPLANDECE!

A veces nos sentimos cansados, en otras ocasiones sentimos que nos faltan capacidades o habilidades para lograr tal o cual propósito, en algunos momentos la relación con los demás se dificulta y en otros podemos experimentar una sensación de vacío interior. ¿Te gustaría vivir con mayor plenitud? ¿Quisieras reconciliarte contigo mismo, comprenderte y aceptarte? ¿Identificar tu potencial? Esta sesión te ofrece un espacio, a ti catequista, para descubrir tu positividad, y desde tu crecimiento humano resplandezca tu vida y tu ministerio. ¡Catequista, has de estar seguro de que Dios te ha dotado de todo lo necesario para salir adelante!



María Elena Ocegueda Juárez

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## 5-57 PRIMERO LA PARROQUIA ERA BILINGÜE, LUEGO SOMOS MULTICULTURALES, ¿QUÉ HACEMOS?

Muchas de nuestras parroquias son compartidas – una comunidad de comunidades – que presentan desafíos a todos niveles, uno del cual es la forma en que oramos en conjunto. La forma en que compartimos la visión del Cuerpo de Cristo es determinante. Conversaremos sobre maneras en que los diferentes ministerios de la parroquia pueden crear oportunidades para crear una comunidad acogedora a la cual todos experimentan un sentido de



pertenencia y co-responsabilidad para que la liturgia eucarística sea realmente la expresión máxima de nuestra comunión.

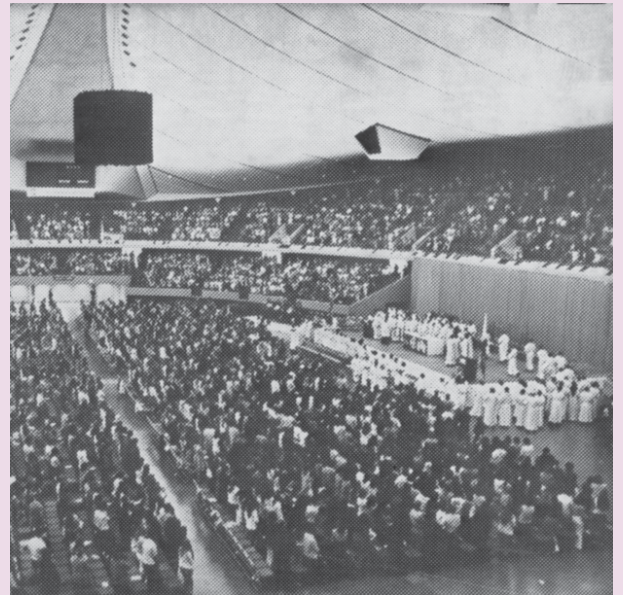


#### **Pedro Rubalcava**

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empírica, la socióloga teórica (Zygmunt Bauman), la socióloga de la religión (Grace Davie; Peter Berger), la filósofa social (Charles Taylor) y la teología (Joseph Ratzinger). A partir de ahí se ofrecen unas pistas para enfocar la iniciación cristiana.

**EN 1974** la Misa del Día de los Jóvenes en la Arena tuvo asistencia de casi 9,000 participantes. El Cardenal Timothy Manning concelebró la Misa con 80 sacerdotes que trabajan especialmente con jóvenes.



### **5-58 MISIONEROS EN LA “ERA DIGITAL”**

**Mons. Lucio Adrian Ruiz (biografía 3-56)**

La “era digital” se nos presenta como un “nuevo mundo,” un “nuevo continente,” una “nueva cultura,” con nativos digitales y un nuevo lenguaje. Todo esto nos llama no solo a ser usuarios de los medios sino verdaderos misioneros de este nuevo mundo.

### **5-59 LA RUPTURA FE: SACRAMENTOS COMO DESAFÍO A LA INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA**

**P. Gabino Uríbarri Bilbao, SJ (biografía 3-59)**

Defiendo como tesis que se ha dado un cambio en el modo de darse la creencia religiosa en la sociedad post-moderna que lleva a una ruptura entre fe y sacramentos. Se explora esta ruptura de la mano de la socióloga

### **6-51 MARÍA MAGDALENA ... ¡QUÉ MUJER!**

Entre los seguidores de Jesús hubo mujeres. María Magdalena fue una de estas. Una tradición antigua llegó a calificarla “pecadora publica”; y otra, moderna, ha pretendido desprestigiar su presencia junto al Maestro. Al profundizar con atención las noticias evangélicas, podemos descubrir a una Mujer con “M” mayúscula y aprender a reconocer el servicio que la feminidad presta a la Iglesia. Algo hemos logrado, pero mucho nos falta por hacer para levantar, reforzar y reanimar a nuestras comunidades eclesiales con población latina.



#### **Abundio Parra Sánchez**

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### **6-52 MINISTERIO: PASTORAL, POBRE Y MISIONERO**



El Papa Francisco desea que la Iglesia sea “pastoral, pobre y misionera.” Si ésta es la misión de la Iglesia, también tiene que ser la fundación de todo ministerio. Esta sesión presentará teologías del ministerio enfocándose en temas como pastoral, pobre y misionero. Incluiremos temas que confrontan los ministros desde el contexto de la frontera como: posturas proféticas, espiritualidad ministerial, promoción de justicia para migrantes y la justicia social.



#### **Mons. Arturo J. Bañuelas, STD**

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## 6-53 ¿AMORIS LAETITIA EN LA CATEQUESIS? TRES ELEMENTOS ESENCIALES 🗣️

La Exhortación Apostólica del Santo Padre, *Amoris Laetitia* (sobre el amor en la familia), ha reacciones diversas. El Papa Francisco nos urge a redescubrir el regalo que es la familia para el mundo y nos da una nueva perspectiva sobre como acompañar en el camino de la fe a las familias, incluso aquellas en la periferia, través de las luchas difíciles de lo cotidiano. En esta sesión, dialogaremos sobre tres elementos esenciales propuestos por el Santo Padre – discernimiento, conciencia moral y acompañamiento – y sus implicaciones para la catequesis.



**Peter Joseph Ductram**

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## 6-54 LOS VALORES DE MIS HIJOS CAMBIAN. ¿QUÉ HAGO? – PROPUESTA CRISTIANA 🗣️

**Ricardo Grzona (biografía 2-54)**

La familia cristiana experimenta un cambio de valores en los hijos. Ya no es lo mismo que era antes ... escuchamos frecuentemente. Intentaremos dar respuestas desde la Sagrada Escritura para tomar actitudes frente a las nuevas formas de sociedad en la que vivimos, y darle el valor necesario a cada una de estas formas, educando cristianamente y aprendiendo a orar en familia.

## 6-55 LA CATEQUESIS ANTE EL DESAFÍO DE NUEVOS MODELOS DE VIDA FAMILIAR 🗣️

**Marcelo A. Murua (biografía 1-56)**

Vivimos un cambio de época. La vida se ha hecho más compleja, la familia adquiere rostros muy diversos y las personas experimentan cambios significativos con el paso de los años. Necesitamos una catequesis que hable de la vida e ilumine con esperanza las etapas existenciales de cada persona. Te invito a dejarnos interrogar por las experiencias que atraviesan la vida concreta: pareja, familia, salud, trabajo, ... para pensar juntos claves para una catequesis en salida, inclusiva y misericordiosa, que llegue a las periferias existenciales para llevar a todas las familias, sin distinciones, la alegría sanadora del encuentro con Jesús.

**EN 1970**

el Congreso de la Confraternidad de la Doctrina Católica fue trasladado al Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim. (Las ciudades del Condado de Orange eran todavía parte de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles).

## 6-56 LEVANTA LA VOZ Y PROFETIZA PUEBLO HISPAÑO 🗣️

**Rev. Peter Neeley, SJ (biografía 2-56)**

Debemos cuestionar al estado/el gobierno sobre su rol con los migrantes retornados y los niños migrantes no acompañados. ¿Cuál es nuestra obligación moral por y para ellos y ellas? Es un llamamiento para que se busquen y adopten soluciones permanentes. Puesto que este es un fenómeno complejo, la cuestión de los emigrantes menores de edad se debe afrontar desde la raíz. Las guerras, la violación de los derechos humanos, la pobreza y desastres ambientales son parte de las causas del problema. Los niños son los primeros en sufrir las, padeciendo a veces torturas y castigos corporales, que se unen a las de tipo moral y psíquico, dejándoles a menudo huellas imborrables (Jornada Mundial del Emigrante).

## 6-57 UN MENSAJE AMBIGUO: LAS MUJERES EN EL EVANGELIO DE SAN LUCAS 🗣️

En el evangelio de San Lucas hay más episodios con mujeres que cualquier otro. Por eso, las primeras feministas decían que Lucas es el mejor evangelio para adelantar la posición de la mujer. Más tarde, las biblistas feministas analizaron los roles que toman las mujeres en el tercer Evangelio y han concluido que Lucas las asigna roles pasivas y silentes, y cuando las mujeres hablan, las corrigen o no les creen. Esta presentación demostrara que las mujeres que encuentran el sepulcro vacío emergen como fieles oyentes y proclamadoras de la Palabra. En el segundo volumen, los Hechos de los Apóstoles, callen en silencio, dejándonos con un mensaje ambiguo.



**Hna. Barbara E. Reid, OP, PhD**

*Hna. Barbara Reid, miembro de las Hermanas Dominicas de Grand Rapids, Michigan, es vicepresidente y Decana Académica y desde 1988 hasta la fecha Profesora de Nuevo Testamento en Catholic Theological Union en Chicago. A través de sus cursos, presentaciones y libros, inspira amor a las Sagradas Escrituras en los predicadores, maestro/as y catequistas. Aproximadamente presenta 25 conferencias cada año en los Estados Unidos, Irlanda, México, Tailandia, Guatemala, Bolivia, Perú, Nueva Zelanda, Australia y Canadá.*

## 6-58 DIÁLOGO INTERRELIGIOSO 🗣️

**P. Clodomiro L. Siller-Acuña (biografía 1-57)**

Frecuentemente pensamos que nosotros tenemos la única verdad y que los demás deben aceptarla: esto es un monólogo impositivo, y a veces ofensivo. Dialogar significa entrar en la lógica del otro y que el otro entre en mi lógica, esto con el fin de lograr un enriquecimiento mutuo. Durante su ministerio Jesús, que como Dios todo lo sabía, antes de actuar, siempre preguntaba y actuaba según le respondían. Enriquece conocer y entender lo que Dios ha hecho en las religiones de otros pueblos creyentes. Este dialogo nos enriquece y enriquece también a las religiones, favorece la unidad de los cristianos y aportando además para una vida mejor en el mundo.



## 7-51 COMO LIBERARSE DE LOS MIEDOS INÚTILES

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Tener miedo es una respuesta normal cuando nos sentimos amenazados. Necesitamos desarrollar habilidades eficaces para afrontar los peligros existentes y para eliminar las preocupaciones inútiles. Este tema se enfocará en cómo manejar los miedos interpersonales que interfieren con nuestra capacidad para crecer en el amor mutuo. El Dr. John Yzaguirre también ofrecerá estrategias espirituales para disfrutar con plenitud de una vida liberada del miedo: “Si nos amamos unos a otros, Dios permanece en nosotros y su amor llega en nosotros a la perfección. ... El amor perfecto expulsa el miedo” (1 Jn 4,12; 18).

**Dr. John Yzaguirre**

El Dr. John Yzaguirre es psicólogo y autor que se especializa en la integración de la psicología y la espiritualidad católica en la vida familiar. Actualmente dirige el Instituto Prosocial de California junto con su esposa, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MDiv, MFT con la que ha escrito el libro “Casados y Felices.” Ha dado conferencias en Estados Unidos, Canadá, México, Europa y Australia. Además de su práctica privada en Irvine, California, ofrece sus programas de formación y vida familiar en muchas iglesias de Estados Unidos.

## 7-52 UN DIOS DE GRACIA Y NO DE MÉRITOS

María Clara Lucchetti Bingemer (biografía 3-52)

Del Dios de Jesucristo brota la justicia, pero no retributiva sino la justicia restaurativa. El no da a nadie lo que se merece, sino lo que necesita. Es el Dios que levanta al caído y cuida sus heridas, que hace fiesta para recibir a el pecador a fin de que se levante y viva. Los textos evangélicos que giran alrededor de este tema, y las propuestas del Papa Francisco, nos dan la pauta para ser: una Iglesia en salida; una Iglesia que derrama vino y ungüento sobre todos los dolores; una Iglesia que va al encuentro de todos no por sus méritos, sino gratuita y amorosamente.

## 7-53 ¿POR QUÉ NUESTRO SANTO PADRE SE LLAMA FRANCISCO? UNA REFLEXIÓN CRISTIANA SOBRE LA PAZ

Cardenal Gregorio Rosa Chávez (biografía 5-51)

El Papa Francisco ha asumido tres características del Santo de Asís: la opción por los pobres, la defensa de la creación y la pasión por la paz. Para los cristianos, la paz no es un concepto sino una persona: “Cristo es nuestra paz.” Pero no hay paz si los pobres no tienen una vida digna de un ser humano; no hay paz sin respeto a “la casa de todos” que es la creación. “La paz es fruto de la justicia” (Pío XII). “La paz es un don de Dios confiado a los hombres” (Juan Pablo II). Y Francisco nos exhorta a “ser constructores de paz, que alta donde halla odio y resentimiento, pongamos amor y misericordia.”

## 7-54 DIALOGO DE SANACIÓN

Cuando perdemos a un ser querido a causa de un asesinato, la vida cambia y el dolor es profundo. Algunas veces muy difícil de superar y nos lleva a una vida en depresión, odio y resentimiento. Como podemos caminar hacia la sanación de nuestras familias, comunidad y nosotros mismos. Se puede superar el dolor después de que hemos sido víctimas de un crimen violento y del sistema judicial. La audiencia podrá experimentar el regalo del perdón cuando una víctima de homicidio y un ex presidiario comparten su experiencia de dialogar después de un asesinato.

**Amalia Molina Cortina**

Originaria de El Salvador, Amalia Molina ha trabajado con inmigrantes, presos y sus familias ofreciendo talleres, organizando grupos de apoyo y diferentes servicios. Es Directora Ejecutiva del Centro de Justicia Restaurativa en Los Ángeles y previamente fue Directora de la oficina de “Familias de los Encarcelados” en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. La Comisión de Mujeres Refugiadas en New York le otorgó el premio “Voces de Valor” en el 2010 y el Proyecto Posada le otorgó el premio “Angeles” en el 2007. Su experiencia le ha llevado a dar conferencias en diferentes estados del país, incluyendo la Universidad de Georgetown, Loyola University en Chicago, entre otros.

**Rita Chairez**

Nació en Zacatecas, México, Rita Chairez ha participado activamente con Misión Dolores en Los Ángeles y su Proyecto Pastoral por los últimos 20 años, donde es representante de la comunidad en la mesa directiva. En 2008, comenzó a trabajar con la Oficina de Justicia Restaurativa en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles como Coordinadora para el Ministerio de Víctimas. Actualmente es Coordinadora de Programas para Sanando Corazones Restaurando La Esperanza (Healing Hearts Restoring Hope) para los que han sido afectados por el homicidio. Chairez continúa trabajando con los encarcelados en el sistema penitenciario.

## 7-55 COMPROMETIENDO JÓVENES EN LA EVANGELIZACIÓN

Nuestros jóvenes viven en un mundo distinto al de la generación de sus padres y maestros. Esta conferencia presentará retos y sugerencias para comprometer a la nueva generación a ser discípulos misioneros. En el año 2018, el Papa Francisco nos ha convocado en un nuevo camino sinodal sobre el tema: “Los jóvenes, la fe y el discernimiento vocacional,” el Papa dijo que la Iglesia ha decidido interrogarse sobre como acompañar a los jóvenes para que reconozcan y acojan la llamada al amor y a la vida en plenitud, y también pedir a los mismos jóvenes que la ayuden a identificar las modalidades más eficaces de hoy para anunciar la Buena Noticia.

**Iván Díaz**

Nació y creció en Colombia, Iván Díaz es compositor, educador y conferencista de Oregon Catholic Press (OCP) participa en convenciones diocesanas de jóvenes, convenciones carismáticas hispanas, conferencias de música y otros eventos en todo el país. Además de su ocupación como Director de Música en la Iglesia St. Francis de Sales en Miami Beach, Florida, es Director de Coros Juveniles en Broward County Schools y sus conjuntos de

*jóvenes tocan constantemente en Florida. Su último estreno con OCP, "Nuestra Alegría / Our Joy," fue elegido como la canción oficial de jóvenes y adultos jóvenes para el V Encuentro. Díaz ha aparecido en EWTN y el Jesus Christ Network.*

## 7-56 CATEQUESIS ADAPTIVA: ¡PADRES DE FAMILIA SON RECURSOS INDISPENSABLES! 🎧

**Peter Joseph Ductrám (biografía 6-53)**

La catequesis adaptiva es efectiva si se aplican adaptaciones académicas en contenido y estructura. Pero, estas adaptaciones son fructíferas siempre y cuando los padres son partícipes de esta. ¿Pero cómo los invitamos a la formación catequética? ¿Cómo los acompañamos, incluso a través de los desafíos de lo cotidiano? ¿Cuáles son las pautas para que sean nuestros mejores aliados? En esta sesión, hablaremos de este acompañamiento, sus posibilidades, desafíos y algunas ideas concretas.

## 7-57 UN SACERDOTE EN YOUTUBE, EXPERIENCIA DE EVANGELIZACIÓN EN LA PERIFERIA DIGITAL 🎧

**P. Daniel Pajuelo Vázquez (biografía 4-56)**

En su deseo de responder al llamado del papa Francisco de ir a las periferias, el Padre Daniel Pajuelo, conocido por su inquietud misionera en las redes sociales, llegó a YouTube (como "smdani"). En el último año, ha dedicado un gran esfuerzo a comprender, y desarrollar una presencia evangelizadora en la plataforma de YouTube. En esta sesión, el padre comparte los hitos de su aventura, nos retará a adentrarnos en este medio y compartirá sus conocimientos, consejos e intuiciones sobre evangelización digital en YouTube.

**EN 1972**

el Arzobispo Timothy Manning fue el principal concelebrante de una Misa que culminó el Congreso de la Confraternidad de la Doctrina Cristiana (CCD) el domingo 20 de febrero de 1972 en el Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim. Concelebrando con él fueron, desde la izquierda, el Obispo William R. Johnson, el Obispo Tomás Clavel Méndez, el Obispo John Ward y el Obispo Juan Arzube. Unas 8,000 personas estuvieron presentes en la misa presidida por el Cardenal James McIntyre.



## 7-58 ¡ABOGADOS ... EN CRISIS! 🎧

**Abundio Parra Sánchez (biografía 6-51)**

El trozo de "Juan 7,53-8,11" fue colocado por los antiguos documentos bíblicos en diversos lugares. Desarrolla el tema de un juicio abusivo y malsano de gente piadosa contra una mujer. Jesús se sirve de él para garantizar la opinión de Dios sobre las situaciones de vida: el vino a ofrecer la misericordia del Padre Dios a todos y no para espiar las conductas humanas y, menos, a separar a los supuestos "buenos" de los considerados "malos." Los cristianos haríamos bien en imitarlo levantando a los débiles y no marginándolos como equivocados, desequilibrados o perversos.

## 7-59 HOMBRES Y MUJERES NUEVAS POR LA VIDA DEL ESPÍRITU (ROM 8,11-17) 🎧

**Lic. Juan Pablo Saju (biografía 2-59)**

Veremos como por la fuerza del Espíritu somos hombre y mujeres distintos. La diversidad se da en que vivimos en una realidad de hijos de Dios, en la que todos los dones que posee el ser humano, en el cristiano se ven aumentados por la fuerza del Espíritu presente en nuestras almas. La fe se agiganta y nos hace creer que viviremos eternamente. El amor crece de tal modo que nos da fuerzas hasta incluso amar a nuestros enemigos. Y la presencia del Espíritu es tan real que muchas veces sana nuestras dolencias. Hagamos aflorar en nuestras vidas los dones del Espíritu presentes en nuestras almas: "amor, alegría, paz, paciencia, afabilidad, bondad, fidelidad, modestia, dominio de sí; contra tales cosas no hay ley" (Gal 5,22-23).

## 7-60 LA RIQUEZA DE LA VIGILIA PASCUAL 🎧

El secreto mejor guardado dentro del Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana es tal vez la Vigilia Pascual. La gente llega el domingo de Pascua por la mañana preparada para celebrar nuestra nueva vida en Cristo sin darse cuenta de lo que ha ocurrido durante la noche. Esta conferencia examinará los cuatro elementos de la Vigilia Pascual: El lucernario; la liturgia de la palabra; liturgia bautismal; y la liturgia eucarística. Al terminar esta conferencia la esperanza es que la Vigilia Pascual sea la celebración el "puente" entre la Cuaresma y el inicio de la Pascua.



**Rev. Richard Vega**

Desde el 2012, el Padre Richard Vega es párroco de Santa Francis de Roma en Azusa, California, desde 2012. Previamente sirvió por seis años como Presidente de la Federación Nacional de Consejos Presbiterales (2006-12). El Padre Vega ha servido como Vicario Parroquial dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles del 1983-1994. Él también es miembro del SOMELIT (Sociedad Mexicana de Liturgistas) y era Tesorero de North American Forum on the Catechumenate; también ha sido conferencista para las oficinas de Educación Religiosa y de Culto Divino en Los Ángeles y Chicago y es Presidente de la Comisión Litúrgica de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles.



**8-51 MIGRACIÓN, HOSPITALIDAD Y CULTURA DEL ENCUENTRO** 🕒 **SALA B**

Los tiempos que corren nos invitan a reflexionar sobre estas realidades emergentes desde la perspectiva de la fe: migración como peregrinación hacia un horizonte de Vida; hospitalidad como expresión de respeto por la dignidad propia y ajena; cultura del encuentro como relaciones de respeto y reverencia mutua. Expresar nuestra acogida a quienes vean amenazada su vida por el giro que han dado los acontecimientos en el mundo, es una expresión concreta de nuestro ser en la fe que profesamos.

**María del Carmen Bracamontes Ayón**

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**8-52 UN EQUILIBRIO SAGRADO: VIDA OCUPADA Y ESPIRITUALIDAD FAMILIAR** 🕒

Desde una perspectiva de la nueva evangelización y basado en historias personales, Andrés Arango compartirá herramientas prácticas que ayuden a los presentes a cumplir las responsabilidades diarias mientras se mantienen conectados con Dios. Motivara a ayudar a las familias a ser imagen del amor de Dios, poniendo a Jesús en el centro de sus vidas y abrazando con alegría la belleza de las relaciones familiares. Se presentarán consejos para lograr estas metas tales como: manejo de tiempo, oración, rutinas diarias y espiritualidad cotidiana. La sesión incluirá un momento de oración que invitará a orar juntos y experimentar la presencia de Dios.

**Andrés Arango**

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**8-53 VIOLENCIA: EL PREOCUPANTE FENÓMENO DE LA VIOLENCIA EJERCIDA POR UNOS SERES HUMANOS SOBRE OTROS** 🕒**Julia Cano Valero (biografía 4-52)**

Es triste comprobar cómo, en la sociedad en la que vivimos, con demasiada frecuencia en la relación entre las personas aparece la agresión, el mal trato y las conductas que provocan daño a otros. Incluso vemos personas que

se dañan a sí mismos ¿Cuáles son las causas por las que hay personas que ejercen violencia sobre otras o sobre sí? En esta conferencia, reflexionaremos sobre su origen: la frustración, la falta de empatía, el fanatismo, incluso la patología. Hablaremos de sus características y sobre todo analizaremos la forma de detectarla, prevenirla y de contrarrestarla en la medida de nuestras posibilidades.

**8-54 ORANDO Y CANTANDO LA ALEGRÍA DEL SEÑOR** 🕒

En esta sesión, Constanza y Santiago Fernández expondrán algunos modelos de oración que podrán fácilmente incorporar a su vida cotidiana, por muy ocupados o faltos de tiempo que crean estar. Nuestra vida en sí es una oración y una alabanza al Señor, entonces juntos hablaremos de la importancia de vivir la verdadera alegría que viene de Dios, orando y cantando. El Papa Francisco nos dice: "No rezar es cerrar la puerta al Señor, para que no pueda hacer nada. En cambio, la oración es abrir la puerta al Señor para que venga." Vengan a aprender, gozar, orar y cantar. ¡Juntos alegrémonos en el Señor!

**Santiago Fernández**

*Santiago Fernández se ha sido músico pastoralista por más de 30 años. Trabaja actualmente en la parroquia de La Sagrada Familia en Novi, Michigan, como director de música y también como presentador de talleres para Oregon Catholic Press. Fernández es conferencista a nivel nacional y ha sido miembro del Consejo Asesor Nacional para la USCCB, director musical de NCCHM (National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry), Instituto Fey y Vida, y Coordinador de Culto y Liturgia para el Primer Encuentro nacional de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana en 2006. Fernández también es miembro del comité nacional de liturgia para el V Encuentro.*

**Constanza Palomo de Fernández**

*Constanza Palomo de Fernández es maestra de profesión, ha servido en la Iglesia católica desde hace 45 años y pertenece a la Diócesis de Cuernavaca, Morelos, México, ciudad en donde radica. Inició como catequista trabajando en comunidades rurales; más adelante sirvió en la Renovación Carismática desempeñándose como coordinador de pastoral, Ministro de la Comunión y atención a enfermos. Ha trabajado en varios países, incluyendo los Estados Unidos, República Dominicana y Haití. Ha participado en la formación de laicos, maestros, catequistas, predicadores y actualmente en la Formación de Formadores, impartiendo talleres de espiritualidad, oración y servicio.*

**8-55 EL CATECUMENADO DE ADULTOS NO BAUTIZADOS PRINCIPIO DE RENOVACIÓN DE LA CATEQUESIS HOY** 🕒**Manuel Jiménez Rodríguez (biografía 4-54)**

De acuerdo con el Directorio General para la catequesis, es el catecumenado y la catequesis de adultos los criterios fundamentales para caminar hacia una verdadera renovación de la catequesis. Esta situación pide asumir las siguientes otras opciones prioritarias: "El modelo de toda catequesis es el catecumenado bautismal" y "La catequesis de adultos, al ir dirigida a personas capaces

de una adhesión plenamente responsable, debe ser considerada como la forma principal de catequesis.” Esto implica que la catequesis de las otras edades debe tenerla como punto de referencia, y articularse con ella en un proyecto catequético coherente de pastoral diocesana.

## 8-56 NUEVAS DINÁMICAS DE MIGRACIÓN, REFUGIO Y LO QUE LA IGLESIA ESTA HACIENDO 🗣️

El clamor de los migrantes y refugiados de México y Centroamérica llega hasta el cielo todos los días – en un grito por justicia, dignidad y solidaridad. Vengan y exploren las nuevas dinámicas de la migración y como la iglesia está respondiendo al llamado del Papa Francisco para atender los hermanos migrantes, desplazados, refugiados y víctimas de trata para encontrar, acogida y bienvenida, protección e integración, e inserción en las comunidades y países a los que llegan. Rick Jones compartirá su testimonio, historias y una presentación visual sobre sus experiencias en Centroamérica y México.



**Richard Alan Jones**

*Rick Jones actualmente es Gerente de Asesoría Técnica en América Latina y el Caribe para Catholic Relief Services (CRS) en El Salvador. Durante los últimos 25 años ha trabajado en la construcción de paz, derechos humanos y programas de desarrollo en América Latina. Jones ha testificado ante las audiencias del Senado sobre la Seguridad Nacional y menores no acompañados, así como con la Agencia de los Estados Unidos para el Desarrollo Internacional (USAID) sobre asuntos relacionados con pandillas. Él fue previamente el Director Regional Adjunto para la Solidaridad y Justicia Global para CRS.*

## 8-57 DEL JÚBILO A LA CONTEMPLACIÓN: LA ORACIÓN PERSONAL Y COMUNITARIA POR MEDIO DEL CANTO

En esta conferencia, aprenderemos cómo utilizar el canto para renovar y enriquecer nuestra oración personal y de comunidad. Conoceremos las partes de la oración y los propósitos de cada uno de ellas, para ejercitar nuestro discernimiento y poder seleccionar (o componer) el canto, la música y el texto apropiados para que el Espíritu Santo de Dios pueda producir los frutos de salvación en nosotros.



**Rafael Moreno**

*Radica en Arizona, el cantante Rafael Moreno de origen mexicano, es evangelizador de tiempo completo, compositor y productor de música católica. A los 14 años, se integró a la renovación carismática donde experimentó un fuerte deseo de componer música cristiana. Arquitecto de profesión y músico por vocación, se dedica profesionalmente a la producción musical, así como a evangelizar a través de la música católica, cuenta con más de 35 años de experiencia. Es conferencista de formación y oración en “familia radio,” radio católica de Phoenix, Arizona.*

**EN 1998**

la conferencia del “novenio período” fue reemplazado por dos asambleas general (una en inglés y otra en español) en domingo por la mañana. La Liturgia de Clausura fue movido a comenzar a las 3:30 p.m.

## 8-58 ¡LEVANTEMOS NUESTRA VOZ! 🗣️

**María Elena Ocegueda Juárez (biografía 5-56)**

Ante el resquebrajamiento del tejido social, ante la fractura de nuestras familias, ante tantas voces silenciadas de hermanos nuestros que sufren injusticia, persecución, marginación ¿qué puede hacer el catequista? Pequeños gestos, simples acciones, pequeñas centellas de caridad pueden curar “remendar” un tejido humano. Todos, desde el más pequeño al más grande, tienen un papel activo en la construcción de una sociedad integrada y reconciliada (Papa Francisco 2016). Esta sesión mostrara cómo la catequesis esta llamada a levantar su voz desarrollando formas de relación que contribuyan al fortalecimiento de vínculos y cohesión comunitaria.

## 8-59 ACEPTA QUE DIOS TE AMA: EL PRINCIPIO DE LA FE Y LA LIBERACIÓN DEL MAL 🗣️

**Dra. Dora Tobar van der Mensbrugghe (biografía 3-57)**

La experiencia de ser totalmente aceptados y amados por Dios es la necesidad humana indispensable para poder conformar nuestra identidad emocional, y amar a otros. Exploremos este misterio de amor y salvación a través de la Sagrada Escritura y reflexionemos juntos en las implicaciones profundas que esto tiene para la redención de nuestras historias de amor y nuestra realización como seres felices y libres.

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- Buscar “Contribución a la Comunidad” en la parte inferior de la página.
- Seleccionar “Ver más” (o presionar el dibujo).
- Seleccionar “Inscripción.”
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- Confirmar o entrar su nombre y domicilio.
- Escribir **90658** o escribir “**Archdiocese**” en la barra de búsqueda para Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles.



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**CAPILLA**

Durante el Congreso la capilla estará localizada en el Espacio Sagrado (salón E, tercer piso) para oración y adoración ante el Santísimo y estará abierta del jueves a domingo, de **10 am a 3 pm**.

**GRABACIÓN DE LAS CONFERENCIAS**

El Congreso grabará la mayoría de las conferencias y la grabación oficial corre por cuenta de "CSC Digital Media." Se prohíbe cualquier otra grabación personal. Para más información consulte la red: **www.RECongress.org** o el libreto-guía.

**LOS BOLETOS PARA DISNEY RESORT**

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**Nota:** Estos boletos solo se ofrecen a los participantes del Congreso y sus acompañantes y pueden comprar un máximo de seis entradas. Si se descubre que el comprador del boleto no está inscrito al Congreso, se considerará como mal uso de esta oferta y los boletos serán bloqueados y no serán elegibles para un reembolso. Además, estas entradas no se pueden comprar con el propósito de ser revendidos.

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- Si necesita que un asistente le acompañe a sus conferencias y otros eventos del congreso, adjunte su tarjeta de registración con la suya, y envíela en el mismo sobre con una nota explicando que ambos necesitan ser registrados en las mismas conferencias. Es esencial que se registre antes del **1 de febrero de 2018**.
- Las distancias entre el centro de convenciones y hoteles vecinos son bastante grandes. Si así lo desea, usted puede pedir ser registrado sólo para conferencias dentro del centro de convenciones, es muy importante que incluya una nota con su tarjeta de registro al tiempo de enviarla.
- NOTA: El Centro de Convenciones no proporciona sillas de ruedas. Si desea rentar una, póngase en contacto con la Farmacia Alpha Drugs en cualquiera de sus dos localidades en Anaheim: 1240 S. Magnolia, (714) 220-0373; o 515 S. Beach Blvd., (714) 821-8959.

Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes sobre su capacidad para asistir o disfrutar del congreso debido al acceso de discapacidad o problemas de movilidad, no dude en ponerse en contacto con Rob Williams en [RECMobility@recongress.org](mailto:RECMobility@recongress.org). Durante el Congreso puede acudir al Equipo de Movilidad que está situado justo fuera de las Oficinas Centrales del Congreso "Headquarters" (AR-1), en el pasillo entre la sala de exhibiciones y la entrada de la Arena.

**FONDO DE APOYO**

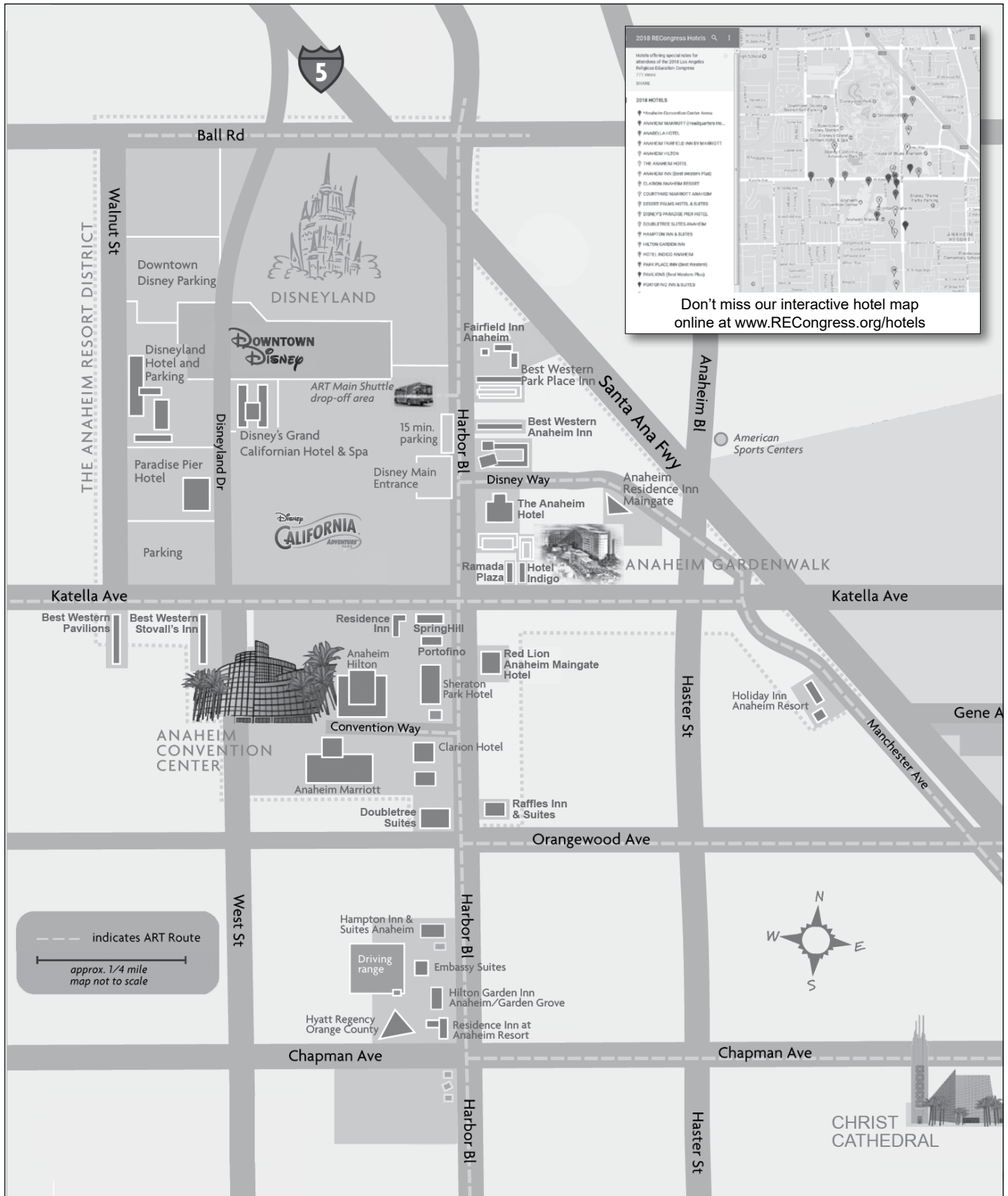
La Oficina de Educación Religiosa ha establecido un fondo de apoyo (Endowment Fund), que se alimenta de donaciones el cual permite la formación continua de los líderes catequéticos ofreciéndoles becas escolares para estudios avanzados. Deseamos que cada director/a de educación religiosa y cada director/a de pastoral juveniles, tengan la oportunidad de obtener el grado universitario de maestría en Estudios Religiosos. Si usted desea contribuir a este fondo y ser mencionado en la guía del programa del congreso como benefactor, favor de enviar su donativo a la dirección que se proporciona a continuación. Tendremos una colecta especial para este fondo durante las liturgias del sábado.

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# ANAHEIM AREA MAP

## ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER AREA HOTEL MAP

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**HOTEL NOTE:** We have negotiated special rates with the following properties. To get the quoted rates, be sure to inform the hotel that you are attending the Religious Education Congress. Room availability is not guaranteed after dates indicated. The hotel room rate is subject to applicable state and local taxes plus any resort fees in effect at the time of check-in. A portion of the room rate is used to offset Convention Center expenses. Hotel updates and links can be found online at [www.RECongress.org/hotels](http://www.RECongress.org/hotels).

### MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL PROPERTIES

Hotel (all Anaheim 92802 unless noted)	Phone	Single	Double	Triple	Quad	Suites	Check-In	Notes
ANAHEIM MARRIOTT (Headquarters Hotel) 700 W Convention Way	(714) 750-8000 (800) 228-9290	\$209	\$209	\$219	\$219		4:00 pm	50% off parking; rate good through Feb. 22, 2018
ANAHEIM FAIRFIELD INN BY MARRIOTT 1460 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 772-6777	\$154	\$154	\$154	\$154		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 21, 2018
ANAHEIM HILTON 777 W Convention Way	(714) 750-4321 (877) 776-4932	\$212 / \$218		\$212 / \$218		Available	4:00 pm	Rate good through February 22, 2018
THE ANAHEIM HOTEL 1700 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 905-1050	\$162 / \$180		\$162 / \$180			4:00 pm	Rate good through February 22, 2018
ANAHEIM INN (Best Western Plus) 1630 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 774-1050	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$130		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 22, 2018
CLARION ANAHEIM RESORT 616 W Convention Way	(714) 750-3131 (800) 231-6215	\$144.95 / \$164.95		\$144.95 / \$164.95			4:00 pm	\$14 parking; rate good through Feb. 20, 2018
DOUBLETREE SUITES ANAHEIM 2085 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-3000	\$148 / \$168		\$148 / \$168		All Suites	4:00 pm	\$8 parking; rate good through Feb. 21, 2018
HAMPTON INN & SUITES 11747 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 703-8800 (714) 703-8900	\$137	\$137	\$137	\$137	All Suites	3:00 pm	Rate good through February 22, 2018
HILTON GARDEN INN 11777 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 703-9100 (800) 445-8667	\$139	\$139	\$139	\$139		3:00 pm	Rate good through February 22, 2018
HOTEL INDIGO 435 W Katella Ave	(714) 772-7755	\$169	\$169	\$169	\$169		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 16, 2018
PARK PLACE INN (Best Western Plus) 1544 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 776-4800	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$130		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 23, 2018
PAVILIONS (Best Western Plus) 1176 W Katella Ave	(714) 776-0140	\$122	\$122	\$122	\$122		4:00 pm	Free breakfast; rate thru Feb. 23, 2018
PORTOFINO INN & SUITES 1831 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 782-6000 (888) 297-7143	\$180 / \$200		\$180 / \$200			3:00 pm	Comp. parking (1 car); rate thru Feb. 22, 2018
RAFFLES INN & SUITES (Best Western Plus) 2040 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-6100 (800) 308-5278	\$145 / \$185		\$145 / \$185			3:00 pm	Comp. breakfast; rate thru Feb. 15, 2018
RAMADA PLAZA ANAHEIM (soon to be Wyndham Garden) 515 W Katella Ave	(714) 991-6868 (866) 440-5355	\$159	\$159	\$159	\$159		3:00 pm	Rate good through February 26, 2018
RED LION HOTEL 1850 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-2801 (800) 733-5466	\$170	\$170	\$170	\$170		4:00 pm	Rate good through February 21, 2018
RESIDENCE INN ANAHEIM RESORT 640 W Katella Ave	(714) 782-7500 (877) 688-7165	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230	All Suites	3:00 pm	Comp. breakfast & WiFi; full kitchen; rate to Feb. 19
SHERATON PARK HOTEL 1855 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-1811 (866) 837-4197	\$172 / \$202		\$172 / \$202		Available	4:00 pm	Rate good through February 2, 2018
SPRINGHILL SUITES ANAHEIM 1801 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 533-2101 (844) 473-3953	\$224	\$224	\$224	\$224		4:00 pm	Comp. buffet breakfast; rate thru Feb. 19, 2018
STOVALLS INN (Best Western Plus) 1110 W Katella Ave	(714) 778-1880	\$122	\$122	\$122	\$122		4:00 pm	Rate good through Feb. 23, 2018

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The Anaheim Resort Transit (ART) replaces individual hotel shuttle service to locations throughout the Anaheim Resort District. ART's fleet of vehicles runs along nine routes that connect hotels, Disneyland, Disney California Adventure, Downtown Disney and the Anaheim Convention Center with shopping, dining and evening entertainment.



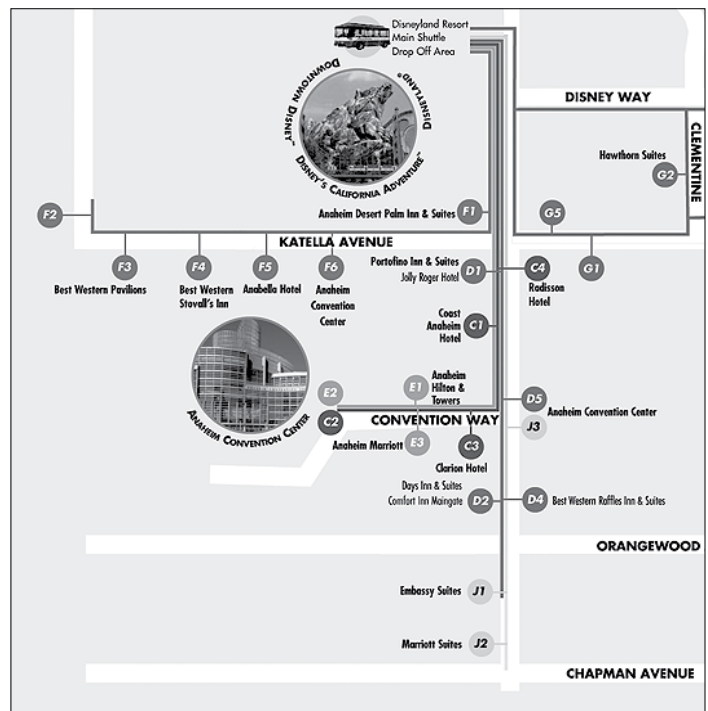
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## ENDOWMENT FUND

The Office of Religious Education has established an Endowment Fund to support the ongoing training and formation of religious education leaders by making scholarships available for catechetical leaders to pursue graduate studies. It is our hope that every Director of Religious Education and Director of Youth Ministry will be given the opportunity to receive a master's degree in Religious Education/Religious Studies.

If you would like to contribute to this fund and be listed in the Congress Program Book as a Benefactor (\$1000), Sponsor (\$500), Donor (\$100) or Friend (\$50), please make your donation at any amount with registration. In addition, there will be a collection

for this fund at the Saturday evening liturgies. Please make your donation payable to: **Religious Education Endowment Fund.**

**Mail to:** Fr. Christopher Bazzyouros  
Office of Religious Education  
PO Box 761157  
Los Angeles, CA 90076-1157

**On the Web:** Online registration allows charges on a credit card – registration fees and any contribution to the Endowment Fund. Charges can be made to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Any contribution to the Endowment Fund is tax-deductible.

## RALPHS CLUB

Ralphs Grocery Company, a Southern California supermarket chain, supports schools, churches and other non-profit organizations with annual contributions. The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is a member of Ralphs Community Contributions Program. Simply by using an enrolled Ralphs rewards Card, a portion of eligible purchases are contributed to the RECongress. (Note: This is an annual program that must be renewed each year. The current term is **September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.**)

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- Click on the Community Contribution (under Community)
- Click on Enroll (under Participant)
- Type in "Archdiocese" or "90658" and click Search
- Click on the bubble next to Archdiocese of Los Angeles - Congress and then click Save
- You have now completed your online rewards card registration AND your Community Contribution registration.

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**Theme: “Rise Up!” / “¡Levántate!” / “Hãy Đứng Lên!”**

**March 16-18, 2018**

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**To earn 1.0 unit** (10 hours over two days):

- attend any **six** workshops (including keynote address) and at least **one** major liturgy
- write a **1-2 page** reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations
- registration fee: **\$65**

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- attend any **eight** workshops (including keynote address) and at least **two** major liturgies
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- registration fee: **\$95**

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- You may register by phone at 310-338-2799 or online at <http://academics.lmu.edu/extension/>
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- Send your materials by **email** (CRS@lmu.edu), or **FAX** (310-338-2706), or **regular mail** to:  
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## HOTEL FACILITIES/HOSPITALITY

We ask that everyone observe the rules and regulations of the hotels regarding food and beverages in their rooms. Hotel regulations regarding food are as follows:

1. **THE CITY OF ANAHEIM PROHIBITS THE USE OF ANY TYPE OF COOKING APPLIANCES.** This includes warming ovens, toasters or any type of similar appliances.
2. **FOOD AND BEVERAGES – OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY HOTEL CATERING DEPARTMENTS – ARE FORBIDDEN IN ROOMS.** Notices will be filed with the management if anything is found in the rooms by housekeeping personnel. Hotel management will take appropriate action.

Knowing that many parishes do provide hospitality for their people, we have contacted the catering managers of all major hotels and they have agreed to work very closely with us in providing a variety of reasonably priced food and beverages. They can also set up banquets in their meeting rooms, as well. For your convenience, we have listed the contact person at some of these facilities.

### BANQUET / CATERING CONTACTS ONLY

<b>DOUBLETREE:</b>	Deborah Fisher	(714) 383-7020
<b>HILTON:</b>	Kelly Brown	(714) 740-4293
<b>MARRIOTT:</b>	Jim Neilson	(714) 703-3114
<b>SHERATON:</b>	Omar Romero	(714) 750-1811

## CONVENTION CENTER POLICIES

The following regulations have been given to the Congress Office regarding policies. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THESE POLICIES AS THEY WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE CONVENTION CENTER.

1. No camping or picnicking on the Convention Center parking lots.
2. No free distribution or selling of food and beverages by private organizations, exhibitors or individuals.

This is a violation of the Convention Center's contract giving exclusive rights to Aramark Food Service, Inc. and Orange County Board of Health regulations.

## PARKING

The parking fee at the Anaheim Convention Center is **\$16 each time you drive in**. NO PARKING PASSES will be available, and NO OVERNIGHT PARKING is permitted. Camping and picnicking are NOT allowed.

**NOTE:** Cars will be ticketed if backed into designated head-in spaces. CARS WILL BE TOWED FROM RESTRICTED AREAS.

Check our website at [www.RECongress.org/2018/updates.htm](http://www.RECongress.org/2018/updates.htm) for parking information and a downloadable map.

## WORKSHOP RECORDING

Many of the Congress workshops will be recorded by CSC Digital Media. **Individual audio/video recording is not allowed.** Further information about ordering audio CDs can be found online at [www.RECongress.org/recording.htm](http://www.RECongress.org/recording.htm). An order form and contact information will be printed in the Program Book.

## SERVICES FOR DEAF/HARD OF HEARING

We will make every effort to assure that Congress 2018 is accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons. Please let us know if you have need of interpreters or Assistive Listening Devices by filling out the Request Form on the next page.

We encourage you to contact the Religious Education Congress staff by January 6, 2018, at (213) 637-7348 to be sure your request has been received. The Closing Liturgy on Sunday will be interpreted. Special seating for all deaf community members is located near the front right of the Arena floor. If you would like another Mass interpreted, you may request an interpreter upon your arrival.

If you wish to add, drop or change a request AFTER you arrive, ask Interpreting Services, located just outside Congress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area. While we can accommodate most requests for last-minute changes, we cannot guarantee an interpreter will be available.

## PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Religious Education Congress Committee wants you to enjoy your Congress experience and offers the following options:

- It is our desire to meet the needs of all those requiring assistance. If you need an attendant to accompany you, we ask that only one attendant accompany you to workshops and other Congress events. If an attendant is to accompany you, it is important to mail your registration – along with your attendant's – in the same envelope with a note explaining that both need to be registered in the same workshops. It is essential that you register by February 1, 2018.
- The distances between the Convention Center and surrounding hotels are quite large, so the Convention Center has a free shuttle service to Convention Center buildings. If you would like to be scheduled for Convention Center-only workshops, please include a note with your registration card.
- **NOTE:** The Convention Center does not provide wheelchairs. Please contact Alpha Drugs Pharmacy at either of their two locations in Anaheim: 1240 S. Magnolia, (714) 220-0373; or 515 S. Beach Blvd., (714) 821-8959.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your ability to attend or enjoy RECongress due to handicap access or mobility concerns, please feel free to contact Rob Williams at [RECMobility@recongress.org](mailto:RECMobility@recongress.org). RECongress' Mobility Team will be available to help with workshop or liturgy wheelchair transport, special seating and any access issues within Congress. You can find the Mobility Team located just outside Congress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area.

### REGISTRATION FORM

#### DO ...

1. Register by credit card online at **www.RECongress.org**.
2. Registration by mail: Affix address label on Registration Form (inside back cover). If address label is not correct, fill out registration card completely. Please be sure to clearly PRINT your Name, Address, ZIP Code, Phone Number and Email. A confirmation of registration will be sent to all those providing a valid email address.
3. Enclose correct amount in check/money order (U.S. dollars only).
4. Make checks payable to: **Religious Education Congress (REC)**.
5. **Be sure to SIGN YOUR CHECK.**
6. Registration is available on-site during the Congress weekend.

#### PLEASE ...

1. **DO NOT** duplicate the Registration Form.
2. **DO NOT** register two people on one form.
3. **DO NOT** mail registrations after February 23, 2018.
4. **DO NOT** clip or staple your check to the registration form.

#### REMEMBER

1. Registration fee: **\$70. Postmarked after January 26, 2018 is \$80.**
2. Refunds are made, less a \$30 processing fee per person. Refunds must be requested in writing and postmarked by January 19, 2018. There are NO REFUNDS after this date.
3. If you have not mailed in your registration by **February 23, 2018** please register online at **www.recongress.org**.
4. Online registration is available until 9 am on Sunday, March 18, 2018. Registrations after February 10, 2018 will not be mailed tickets. You will receive a bar code by email with your confirmation. Bring your bar code with you to Congress and print your tickets at one of the convenient kiosks at the on-site Registration Area.
5. **TICKETS will begin to be mailed after January 15, 2018. READ ALL MATERIALS THAT ARE SENT WITH TICKETS.**
6. **Replacement tickets cost: \$30.**
7. You must present a printed ticket at workshops. Smartphone, iPad, tablet images or photocopies are NOT acceptable.
8. **Sharing tickets is not allowed. Each person who attends Congress must register individually and have a printed name badge.**

#### ON-SITE REGISTRATION/PROGRAM BOOK PICK-UP

Get a "jump start" on Congress! Register or pick up your Congress Program Book and badge holder beginning **Thursday, March 15, from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm**. Already registered? Bring your Congress workshop tickets with you to pick up your Program Book.

**REMINDER:** Congress is an adult/young adult-ONLY event. All workshops are directed to these age groups. If you bring your child(ren), you MUST register them and they must accompany you. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that they do not disturb the other attendees.

### LA FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

#### SÍ ...

1. Se aceptan tarjetas de crédito en línea en **www.RECongress.org**
2. Pegue la etiqueta con su dirección en la sección designada. Si la dirección no está correcta, favor de llenar la forma de inscripción totalmente. Por favor incluya su nombre, dirección, zona postal y número de teléfono y correo electrónico.
3. Adjunte la cantidad correcta de dinero (U.S.).
4. Haga su cheque pagadero a: **Religious Education Congress (REC)**.
5. **FIRME SU CHEQUE.**
6. Inscripciones estarán disponibles durante del Congreso.

#### POR FAVOR ...

1. **NO** reproduzca la tarjeta de inscripción.
2. **NO** inscriba a dos personas en una tarjeta.
3. **NO** envíe su registración después del 23 de febrero, 2018.
4. **NO** asegure ni engrape su cheque a la tarjeta de inscripción.

#### RECUERDE

1. **LA CUOTA ES \$70 (U.S.). Después del 26 de enero, 2018 será \$80.**
2. No habrá devolución de cuota después del 19 de enero, 2018. Se cobrarán \$30, por persona, si cancela su inscripción. (Para pedir reembolso es necesario hacerlo por escrito por la fecha.)
3. Si recibimos su forma de inscripción después del **23 de febrero**, se procesará pero usted no recibirá los boletos por correo. Los boletos se le entregaran solamente a la persona que se registró y necesitará presentar identificación en el Centro de Convenciones.
4. La registración en línea permanecerá abierta hasta a las 9 am en el 18 de marzo del 2018. Si se registra en línea después del 10 de febrero, recibirá un código con su confirmación. Traiga su código al Congreso e imprima sus boletos en uno de los quioscos en la área de registración.
5. **LOS BOLETOS serán enviados por correo después del 15 de enero, 2018. LEA TODO EL MATERIAL QUE SE LE ENVIA** con los boletos, y recoja su libro de programa en la casilla de programas.
6. **El costo para reemplazar boletos es de \$30.**
7. Debera enseñar un boleto para entrar a los talleres. Boleto fotográfados (smartphone, iPad o tablet) y/o fotocopiados NO son aceptables.
8. **No aceptamos que compartan los boletos del Congreso. Cada persona que asista debe inscribirse individualmente.**

#### INSCRIPCIÓN/RECOJA SU LIBRO DE PROGRAMA

Registrar o recoja su libro y porta acreditaciones a partir del día **jueves 26 de marzo, por la noche desde las 5:30 pm hasta las 8:00 pm** en el área de la Prefunciones del Centro de Convenciones. ¿Ya se ha registrado? Traiga sus entradas taller Congreso con usted para recoger su libro.

El Congreso es un evento de educación religiosa para adultos/jóvenes adultos **SOLAMENTE**. Todos los talleres son dirigidos a estos grupos. Si usted debe traer a su niño/s, ellos deben ser registrados y deben estar acompañados. Le pedimos hacerse responsable de ellos para evitar distracciones a otros delegados.

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#### SERVICES

What services do you need? ☐ Sign Interpreter ☐ Oral Interpreter ☐ ALD

#### WORKSHOPS

☐ I plan on attending the following periods (circle all that apply): FRI: 1 2 3 SAT: 4 5 6 SUN: 7 8

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CHANGING REQUESTS

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